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Doctors, nurses and evacuation experts among back-up force mobilised for the Gulf

Biggest call-up of reserves since Suez

By LIN JENKINS

vice in the Gulf went out volunteers and those comto hundreds of medically pulsorily called up will begin qualified men and women in the biggest compulsory mobilisation of the reserve forces since

Tom King, defence secretary, announced yesterday that 390 people had been handpicked to counter the shortfall in volunteers who came forward as recruits on Thurs- recruited at the rank they held day. They will comprise 250 reservists and the 140 of the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, who are trained in medical

evacuation. need for medical back-up teams in the Gulf had been met by about 700 volunteers who arrived at Aldershot and Glasgow on Thursday. "But we still need some extra reservists and it is for this purpose that the call-out letters have been issued." Those being called up are predomilems they might have. "We nantly doctors, state enrolled will look very sympathetically general nurses and operating at people who have particular

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Big slump in

Vehicle sales slumped in Britain last month as the recession bit harder, according to government figures released

vesterday. New vehicle registrations in November numbered only 149,000. This is the lowest November figure for a decade. and marks a decline of a fifth on the same month a year Page 33

England recover



Angus Fraser collected the best bowling figures of his Test career, 6-82, to lead England's recovery on the third day of the second Test. Australia were all out for 306 in their first innings, 46 runs behind Page 23

Home price rise A cut in interest rates by 2

points in the next few months could signal an increase in house prices of 5 per cent by the end of 1991, the Halifax Building Society says .. Page 5

Police chief out The Chinese government dis-

force and said pornographers and drug smugglers will face the death penalty...... Page 9

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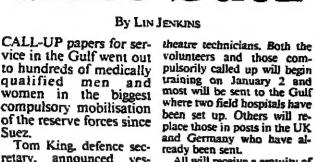
Greece's conservative government said it would release from jail three army officers who were sentenced to death by firing squad for seizing power in 1967 and running a brutal dictatorship..... Page 22

Dollar falls

The US dollar fell sharply yesterday after more signs emerged of a US recession and foreign exchange dealers began to sense further interest rate cuts to prevent a severe

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All will receive a gratuity of £210, and under the Reserve Forces Act 1980 will have their civilian jobs kept open on their return. Most will be when they left the force, but some may be promoted if they have gained further qualifications since.

Provision has been made to. Royal Auxiliary Air Force, who are trained in medical extra of their service salaries where they fall below that in civilian life. For others, such as a consultant surgeon earning £147,000 a year who volunteered a special case will be put to the defence ministry

Archie Hamilton, armed forces minister, said that those who were called up would be interviewed about any probproblems and we can select out people most useful to us and those for whom it is

easiest to do it. He added that while he understood people's concerns those who joined the forces new car sales did so knowing that they would be on the reserve for some time afterwards and could be called upon in an emergency. "We have always relied particularly on the medical side on reservists. It has always been accepted that come the crunch they have to

be called up." The call up was authorised by the Queen on December 17. It is the first for 25 years since a few specialised tech-nicians from the reserve were sent to Aden, Borneo and Cyprus, and the largest since Suez in 1956 when national service still existed. On that occasion 900 officers and 25,000 reservists were called up. There was no compulsory mobilisation of the reserve during the Falklands

A Conservative MP, who was a major in the light infantry and is now on the reserve list, has volunteered to go to the Guif. Derek Conway, aged 37, member for Shrewsbury, said he has received a letter saying the need for reservists may go wider than the medical back-up teams.

A former army bandsman, who was one of the 1,500 asked to volunteer and warned that they may be called up, said he would beprepared to go to jail rather than serve in the Gulf if he were among the 250 chosen. Trevor Cope, aged 37, a teacher from Sidmouth, Devon, claims he received only four weeks' training in a military hospital before leaving the force in 1979. "There is simply no way I am going to

In Washington, it was reported yesterday that President Bush has decided to order a massive military at-

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Troops protected against anthrax

By MICHAEL EVANS

would be inoculated because

of the implication this might

There are only limited sup-

plies of anthrax serum because

it can only be developed from

the blood of a person who has

been infected with anthrax

bacteria. Anthrax is some-

times found in people who

work with wool or leather, and

in vets who regularly come

into contact with sheep and

which induce pneumonia and

against anthrax

American stocks of vaccine

limited. There is thought to be

only one manufacturer in

America capable of producing

just 18,000 "shots" every three weeks. There has been

high level consultation be-

tween Washington and

London on the extremely

sensitive question of how

existing stocks should be used.

It is thought that the issue was

discussed last week by Pres-

There is a school of thought

ident Bush and John Major.

which says the limited stocks

of vaccine should be saved for

the immediate aftermath of a

fice appounced last night that

more than 21,000 British civil-

ians in the Gulf are to be

issued with gas masks next

month because of the increas-

ing prospects of military ac-

Meanwhile, the foreign of-

biological weapons attack.

potential conflict.

BRITISH soldiers in the troops came after consultafrontline in Saudi Arabia are tions with the Americans being inoculated against the British officials were reluctant effect of biological weapons as to say at what point troops a result of a cabinet decision taken several weeks ago.

The threat from anthrax have for the timing of a and other diseases was discussed at cabinet because of new intelligence reports that Iraq had acquired a limited, but effective biological warfare capability. The Pentagon also said yesterday that it is to start a vaccination programme for American servicemen after CIA warnings.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed yesterday that cattle. It produces spores inoculation was one of the which induce meumonia and protective measures ordered a variety of skin diseases. by the government to safeguard British troops lacing possible chemical and biological attacks from Iraqi forces.

Although a ministry spokesman refused to say which biological agents the immunization programme covered, it is known that the government has been concerned about the potential threat from anthrax. Iraq has for some time been develop-ing a powerful strain of bacillus anthracis, which causes anthrax.

Like the United States. Britain has been trying to build up stocks of anthrax serum to start an inoculation programme, particularly for troops with the 7th and 4th Armoured Brigades who will be expected to fight in the frontline if a war begins.

All British troops have been supplied with nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) protective clothing and respirators. Servicemen also have special warning devices which they wear on their NBC suits, alerting them to nerve agents in the atmosphere. The existence of an inoculation programme has not been confirmed until now.

The anthrax serum and other biological safeguards have been produced at the government's chemical warfare research establishment at Porton Down in Wiltshire. Sources said there were not "huge stocks". But this did not mean that the ministry would be forced to carry out a highly selective immunisation programme. The cabinet decision to approve inoculation for the

not deter

surgeon By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE surgeon who performed an unsuccessful heart transplant on an 11-day-old baby said yesterday that the child's death would not deter him from carrying out more such operations.

The baby, Christy Strachan, who was born with an in-curable heart defect, had the transplant at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, London. The ten-and-a-half hour operation began late on Thursday night after an international appeal produced a donor press from a Merseyside hospital. After the transplant the new heart did not function adequately and Christy, of New Barnet, north London, died yesterday

morning. Marc de Leval, the consultant surgeon in charge, said: "We're disappointed and very sad, but I would do this operation again because we must learn from our failures as well as our successes."

Christy had hypoblastic left heart syndrome, a malformation that prevents the heart pumping properly. Most of the 200 babies born in Britain each year with the condition die within a few weeks. Christy's parents, Mark Strachan and Tracy Sheenan were fully briefed on the hazards of the transplant.

Death of baby will four out of sea four out of sea

By DAVID YOUNG

ued their rescue operations overland, her face lit up with

yesterday, plucking four relief." people from the English One, the captain of a cargo she had her full survival suit ship that sank in heavy seas in on properly, including mitts."

the Channel early yesterday, died in hospital after surviving for more than four hours in the sea, along with the captain. He had died because fiance of the ship's first officer. Two other crew members survival suit hood and devel-were rescued earlier from a life oped hypothermia. raft - First Officer Frank

Jorgen Eilertsen, aged 46, after the Jarita, carrying 1,000 woman survivor is Ingrid distress call at 3.20am. Jakabson, aged 36, from Nesseveien. Miss Jakabson Jakabsen still missing, a secand Mr Pedersen, her fiance, ond Sea King joined the were last night on their way search party at first light.

hospital. Captain Eilertsen and Miss expected spot. Jakabson were picked up by a Warrant Officer Pringle Sea King helicopter from RAF said: "They worked out the Manston. Flight Lieutenant John Tenison-Collins, a helicopter pilot, said: "They had put on survival suits. They did try to do the right things.

Unfortunately, it was not quite enough for one of Warrant Officer Norman Pringle, an RAF winchman. said that when he lifted the woman from the sea after four hours she was overwhelmed at

being alive. "She told me she was okay. At first she smiled,

RAF belicopter crews contin- then she wept. As we came in

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He added: "One of the reasons she survived is that Fifty yards away from the

woman, the same helicopter, Rescue 166, spotted the ship's he was unable to attach his The other two crew mem-

Pedersen, aged 31, from bers were picked up from their Nesseveien, Norway, and life raft after the Norwegian Jerzy Witkowski, aged 46, cargo vessel Jarita went down. From Milczanska, Poland. The captain who died was searched throughout the night

With the captain and Miss back to Norway after being Dover coastguards plotted the released from hospital. Mr course on which they were Witkowski was detained in likely to drift, and they were found within 100 yards of the

> Warrant Officer Pringle Continued on page 22, col 6

TODAY

When hope



Jan Morris, dismayed by the Eighties, looks back on the summer of 1990, when hope briefly opened a window on better times

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Dudley Moore on his return to television. making supermarket commercials and a series about the

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By MICHAEL KNIPE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

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SUB-SAHARAN Africa will spread loss of life would be pared with levels in the prefamine conditions in Angola, aid, the United Nations Food were delivered to sub-Saharan dan and Liberia. But two and Agriculture Organisation Africa in 1989/90, compared consecutive years of drought yesterday urged developed with the 3.9 million tonnes have reduced harvests in all countries bordering the Sahelian zone, from Mauritania in

Urgent food appeal for Africa

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Edouard Souza, director

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Idyllic village refuses to toe the yellow lines

By RONALD FAUX

BUTTERMERE'S vicar, parish council chairman and youth-hostel warden were among seven people arrested when Cumbria County Council began to paint double yellow lines through the Lake District village to prevent motorists blocking the road. Buttermere is an idyllic huddle of grey rooftops, drystone walls and farms surrounded by a high circle of fells and bisected by a narrow, winding road. It is a village in which so many motorists stop to admire the view in summer that police have to be called to untangle the traffic. Recently the county council de-

village were the only answer. Last

week workmen arrived to paint them.

They immediately clashed with objec-

tors who believe that traffic cones The council was drawing a line the along the road at times when Buttermere is under tourist siege are all that is needed.

"People come here to see beautiful countryside. They do not want these awful reminders of the towns they're trying to escape from. We have complained about this policy of painting lines but the council have gone ahead regardless," Roland Knight, a guest-house owner, said.

He was arrested along with the Rev Michael Braithwaite, George Smith, a retired police superintendent and chairman of the local parish council, Tony Cresswell, the youth-hostel warden, and three other local residents. They were all accused of obstructing the council's line-laying

Mr Knight remains unrepentant. legal," Mr Knight declared. But Bill

village refused to toe. "The police say they do not have the manpower to keep putting down cones, but they found eight policemen to come and arrest us when we were objecting to these unsightly lines. They say they are acceptable because they are like the ones that have appeared outside the village by Crummock Water, slightly narrower than normal and a shade of primrose yellow. It's a joke,

they look dreadful. Protesters argue that the council does not have permission from the National Trust to put the signposts at the roadside to give the lines legal standing, "The National Trust owns that land and it has not given permission. It is not illegal to stop someone from doing something ilCameron, chairman of Cumbria County Council's environment committee, insisted yesterday that when the weather improved the council workmen would be back with their

machine to lay more lines. "The police asked for a traffic management survey and we decided this was the only feasible answer," he said. "The police do not have the manpower to keep putting up bollards and then seeing that people obey them. If a vicar, retired police superintendent and a youth-hostel warden want to get themselves arrested I am not here to stop them. The forces of law and order will take

their course." Cumbria police said yesterday that a file on the incident would be prepared for the attention of the crown prosecutor.



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British may be excluded from scientific breakthrough



By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN could be squeezed out of one of the most exciting fields of modern science by government cheeseparing, education and science minister Kenneth Clarke has been told.

James Hough, professor of physics and astronomy at Glasgow university, has written to Mr Clarke and to Sir David Phillips, chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils, pointing out that a delay in funding the proposed Angloobservatory could be seen by the Germans as a breach of faith, and might cut Britain

On the strength of a commitment by the Science and Engineering Research Council to pay £5.5 million towards the observatory, the government of Lower Saxony has committed more than £7 million to help build it. The rest of the £30 million the observatory will cost will come from the ministry of research and technology in Bonn, and the Max Planck Society. The observatory,

designed to detect and pinpoint the most clusive signals from space, gravity waves, which are predicted by Einstein's theories but have yet to be observed. The network should consist of GEO, two American instruments, one on the east and one on the west coast. and a second European instrument, funded by the

French and Italians, in Pisa. A minimum of three and ideally at least four separate instruments are needed to make an unambiguous dis-

space. Professor Hough fears that a delay of at least two. years in funding the British part of GEO, announced before Christmas by the SERC, may encourage his German collaborators at the Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics at Garching, near Munich, to to produce a single European instrument in co-operation with the French and Italians.

That would cut out Britain

completely from the last

unopened "window" on the

universe. The decision was

funding crisis which has been caused by high inflation and a low public spending settlement. The council is looking for savings of £40 million and has tried to find some of them by delaying projects like GEO.

The British end of GEO involves three teams: Professor Hough's at Glasgow, a group led by Professor Bernard Schutz at the University of Wales in Cardiff, and a team from the Rutherford Appleton laboratory in Berkshire led by Jim Hall. Detecting gravity waves,

emitted as all-but-imperceptible pulses by cataclysmic events in space such as supernova explosions, requires instruments of extraordinary sensitivity. GEO will consist of two evacuated stainless steel tubes three kilometres long and 1.4 metres wide, joined to form an L-shape. At the end of each arm will be a heavy weight,

attached to a mirror. Laser light will travel up and down the pipes, bouncing off the mirrors until it is finally brought together to

The object is to detect the tiny movement of the mirrors caused by the passage of a gravity wave. This movement will be smaller than a millionth of a millionth of a millionth of a metre, equivalent to measuring a deviation of the Earth from its orbit by less than the width

of a single hydrogen atom. Proving that gravity waves exist will do more than vindicate Einstein. It could even provide for the first time a direct and unambiguous measure of the size, and hence the age, of the universe.

Tory rebels step up drive against black candidate

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

REBEL. Conservatives in want to force a special general their efforts to overturn the selection of John Taylor, a black barrister, as their prospective parliamentary

In a move that will cause Tory high command, eight of them signed an advertisement costing £195 on the front-page of their local newspaper seekcampaign against Mr Taylor.

The advertisement in the Gloucestershire Echo offers members of the 4,000-member local Tory association fuller details" of the "confusion" and "procedural dispute" surrounding Mr Taylor's adoption at the beginning of the month.

Mr Taylor's opponents say that they already have the 50 signatures they need to reopen the selection procedure. They



Cheltenham have redoubled meeting in the new year to reconsider Mr Taylor's choice. John Major and Chris Pat-

ten, the Conservative party chairman, have endorsed Mi Taylor's selection. William Galbraith, who described the further embarrassment to the candidate in insulting racial terms, has been expelled from the local party. The advertisement is inten-

ded to strengthen the petition ing to rally support for their and to boost the turnout at the proposed emergency meeting to about 1,000 from the 200 who attended the initial gathering. It gives local Tories the names and telephone numbers of people to contact for a printed summary of relevant background information".

Don Ward, one of the signatories, an airline pilot, said that the object of the exercise was to retain the seat for the Conservatives. "Many people for many reasons won't vote for him (Mr Taylor), some because they don't like the legal profession. Some people think he was pushed at us by the Central Office."

Monica Drinkwater, chairman of Cheltenham Conservatives, said last night she could not see the point of placing the advertisement. "I cannot discern what is at the back of it because any ques-tions of procedure that have

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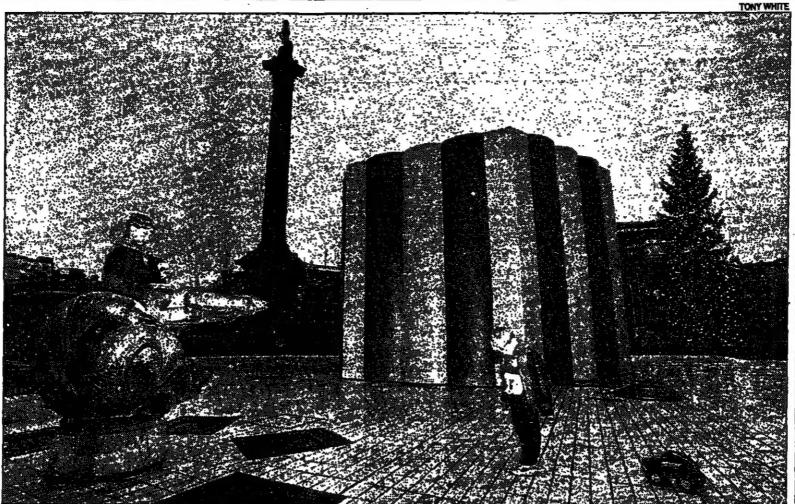
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All set for hail and farewell

SCOTLAND Yard is advising of money, to wear warm and ment of others. people not to bring their cars comfortable clothing and keep they come into central will not be allowed beyond London for the new year barriers round the square and celebrations. An estimated anyone with any sort of can 1,800 police will be duty at will also be stopped. Scotland Trafalgar Square this year.

urged not to bring large sums iour might spoil the enjoy-

Yard said police will deter or The public is also being disperse anyone whose behav-

On the same night Dame but to use free public transport alcohol intake to a reasonable Joan Sutherland, "La Stuto get home after midnight if level. Anyone carrying drinks penda", will be at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden for the last time to say farewell from the stage where she began her career. Yesterday she was preparing for her contribution as one of the star guests to the production of maus. Her husband, Richard Bonyage, is to conduct the performance, which is being shown on BBC2.

New year parties, page 14

Survey of station hotel

By ROBIN YOUNG

A TEAM of architects moved yesterday into the Midland Grand hotel, the ornate but largely derelict building that surmounts St Pancrus station,

to begin a survey.
The British Rail Property Board, which owns the build ing, said that the team would be on the site for the next six months. The architects, from Conservation Practice, have authority to carry out emergency repairs. When the survey and repairs are completed, the board will renew negotiations to transfer the building to the developer Speyhawk, which a year ago won planning permission to restore it as a

The Midland Grand, completed by Sir George Gilbert Scott in 1873 and closed as a hotel in 1935, was thought in its day to be the most splendid hotel in the British Empire.

Leading article, page 11

Tepid response to Labour's plans

By Robert Morgan, Parliamentary Staff

LABOUR'S plans to reform that undermined fundamental the constitution, outlined in rights and freedoms. The Times yesterday, met with a lukewarm response last guarantees and freedoms, and night from organisations seek- too much power would still ing fundamental changes in reside with the prime minthe way in which Britain is

governed. Charter 88, the civil rights movement for constitutional reform, pointed out that the Labour party was not advocating a bill of rights and was still opposed to electoral reform and proportional representation (PR) at general elections. Robert Maclennan, the

Liberal Democrats' home affairs spokesman and a Scotsman, described them as "cold kale rehet" [cold cabbage re-heated]. The fundamental flaw, he said, was the failure to demand a written constitution with a full set of proposals safeguarding human rights by their entrenchment in a bill of rights. Under such a system, a supreme court would have the

Labour offered no new ister, he said, and rejected Labour's assertion that its

proposals were based on the

the American constitution.

PR yesterday threatened to reopen divisions in the Labour party as it emerged as an issue to be debated at the Scottish Labour party conference in Aberdeen in March. The growing demand for some form of PR was turned aside when the leadership agreed to a study of electoral reform. The Scottish conference is to debate electoral reform and the method of election for the proposed Scottish parliament. Opponents of PR fear that its introduction north of the border will lead to its eventual use in Westminster elections.

Leading article, page 11 | radiators by 25 per cent.

Parents opt for lessons in Welsh

A parents' rebellion against teaching being carried out in Welsh at 200 schools in Dyfed has been crushed with a referendum in which only one school called for more English in the classroom.

Parents were consulted at all 200 small rural primary schools categorised as being mainly Welsh medium. Only at Newcastle Emlyn was there a majority for a change to English as the medium of tuition.

John Phillips, Dyfed's director of education, said he now expected an end to the dispute surrounding the pol-icy. However, Dr Alan Williams, Labour MP for Carmarthen, and his 90-strong support group, Education First, are to continue the fight.

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Rail line death

A boy aged seven was killed and his brother aged five injured on a railway line near Margate, Kent, yesterday. Police said that the elder boy, who was playing on the track, tripped and fell on the electric hospital suffering from shock. A boy aged 11 died in a fire at his home in in Mortlake Road, Ilford, northeast

Crash victims

A pilot and his nephew killed when a light aircraft crashed and exploded in flames near a busy main road on Thursday were identified by police yes-terday as Keith Ockenden, aged 32, a Dan Air engineer, and Kierryn Ockenden, a 12year-old schoolboy. They were trapped in the blazing field beside the A34 at Bullington Cross, near

Seal virus fear

A new virus may have hit grey seal pups on the north-east coast of England, David Clarke, Labour's agriculture spokesman, said yesterday. He has asked for an investigation by John Gummer, the agriculture minister, whose responsibilities include the protection of seals. Dr Clark said."The seals appear to be suffering from a virus and as' they are relatively rare I am concerned about their future."

Man dies in fall

A 39-year-old man fell 60 feet to his death into a river from Itchen Bridge at Southampton yesterday. Police recovered the body of Christopher Stevens, of Woolston, Southampton, after being called to the scene by a bus driver who had

Energy drain Sales of energy-saving double glazing and insulation have fallen by more than a quarter in two years, according to the Association for the Conservation of Energy, an environ-mental group. Cavity wall insulation sales are down by 49 per cent since 1987, and since 1988 sales of double glazing have dropped by 34 per cent, heating controls by 20 per cent, and boilers and

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Mozart magic serenades travel trade By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT TWO hundred years after he died. Even that figure was who have spent millions on Vienna in a two-star hotel

both Britain's and Austria's demand. hard-pressed travel industry.

Thomson Holidays, Britconcerts and make a pilgrimage to the city where he

By last night, however, they were receiving reports from ain's leading tour operator, travel agents around the counand cities in which Mozart already having to consider lived and worked for much of booking more hotel rooms his life before he died in 1791, and more seats on scheduled no more than 3,000 people flights," a Thomson official, would have paid up by now to stunned by the continued tour Mozart's birthplace, hear popularity of The Master.

Austrian tourist officials.

was consigned to a pauper's double the number of holiday- promoting the bicentennial, starting at £199 including the grave near Vienna, Wolfgang makers it had sent to Austria were also overwhelmed with Amadeus Mozart is proving last year and some within the the response from British the ultimate crowd puller - company feared that they may music lovers and were fielding and unexpected life-saver for have over-estimated the a non-stop stream of calls for information on the festivals.

The enormous demand eighth place in the top ten list was taken by surprise by the try that early bookings were of early favourite destinations demand for short break holi- already 80 per cent ahead of for Britons going abroad next Vienna. It had predicted that, burg and 40 per cent up on the now not far behind the mass even with the additional maximum they expected to tourist destinations of Ma-attraction of visiting the towns send to Vienna. We are jorca, Tenerife, Benidorm and the Costa del Sol as the most popular resorts being booked for next summer.

As an added bonus for Mozart fans, the price of many short breaks in Austria has fallen in the second edition of brochures, with two nights in

airfare.

Meanwhile holidaymakers not, perhaps, interested in-Mozart and his music, were flocking to book Florida and meant that Austria leapt to early returns from the largest travel agent, Lunn Poly. It said Portugal is proving popudays next year in Salzburg and the new target levels to Salz- year. Vienna and Salzburg are the South with a 60 per cent surge in bookings compared



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France, Germany, Indonesia,

Morocco, Spain and the US.

Most of the pupils who stay at

the school until 16 achieve four or five GCSE passes and

go on to further education, but

academic success is not the

main aim of the school, which

stands by the rules of its founder: "We set out to make

a school in which we should

allow children to be them-

selves. In order to do this we

renounce all discipline, all suggestion, all moral training.

Nothing much has changed

since the school was opened in

1927 and today's report from

the inspectors remarks that,

in 1990, "some aspects of

conventional school provision

They add that this means

"that the pupils are well aware

that they need not attend

The school, which charges

boarding fees of up to £2,220 a

year, does have its rules:

nobody under the age of 16 is

allowed to smoke or skateboard in the town without a

special exemption: children

are not allowed to drink

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They praise the relationship alcohol; pets not cared for

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HM Inspectors

catch up with

Summerhill

By David Tytler, Education editor

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Parents must face cruel choice over infant heart defects

Strachan, at the age of 11 days, who failed to survive a heart transplant operation yes-terday, highlights the cruel choices facing parents and doctors.

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The tragic outcome also calls into question the determination of surgeons to continue with a procedure that they admit is not a cure, and whose long-term benefits are gery, involving up to four

Christy had hypoblastic left heart syndrome, a common the heart, in the knowledge congenital heart defect with that the chances of survival which about 200 babies a year are born in Britain. The incurable condition means that the heart's main pumping chamber cannot provide an adequate blood supply to the body. Ultrasound scans in pregnancy can detect the syndrome, allowing mothers the be one of the 80 per cent who option of an abortion. If the survive for at least a year. child is born, there are then only three unhappy choices.

Leval, the surgeon who performed Christy's operation at said yesterday. "Personally I the Hospital for Sick Children would prefer not to give an in Great Ormond Street, London, most parents opt for no treatment, and resign themselves to the inevitable death of their baby, within a few days or weeks of birth. A few permit complex sur-

at service

for six lost

fishermen

About 200 babies a year are born with a heart defect similar to Baby

Christy's. Thomson Prentice assesses their prospects

operations over a period of many months, to reconstruct

are, at best, 50 per cent.
The others choose the road of transplantation, the gruelling process of a search for a donor heart from another doomed infant, the cold mechanics of the operation, and hope that their baby will

"These are very difficult choices and the parents often According to Marc de ask us what we would do if it was our child," Mr de Leval answer. I believe that the operation should be done if the parents, when given all the facts, decide that is what they want. I also am sure it is right for surgeons to continue these

Over 1,000 Hastings chess goes electronic

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE first round of the Foreign

and Colonial chess tour-

nament at Hastings started

yesterday with a swift victory

by the Danish veteran

Playing with the white

pieces against the London

grandmaster Daniel King.

Larsen established a space

advantage in the opening. He expertly converted this into a

direct attack against the black

king and forced his opponent's

Kosten should be able to hold

The final game still in contention from the first

round was between Gyula Sax

with white (from Hungary)

and his Russian opponent.

Yevgeny Bareev. The game

had reached a complex situa-

tion in which both sides were

Hotel until January 13.

tronic screens directly over all

boards, which are linked to

micro-processors in every

chess piece. As soon as a move

is made by a player, that move

is flashed up on the screen

the position to a draw.

grandmaster, Bent Larsen.

By KERRY GILL THE six crewmen of the fishing boat Premier, lost off Shetland before Christmas, were remembered yesterday in an inter-denominational service attended by more than 1,000 mourners in the village of Hopeman on the Moray

Fishing communities from all over Scotland sent representatives to the memorial service at the village. The Church of Scotland church was filled and the service was relayed to village halls where

other mourners gathered. The men who drowned when the 74ft trawler was swamped by mountainous seas were the skipper Ned Edwards, aged 36, his broth-ers, Joe, aged 31, and Neil. Grandmaster Murray Chanaged 24, John Ross, aged 45, Billy Main, aged 33, and Sandy Main, aged 26, Their bodies have not been found. The tragedy left five widows and 1 r fatherless children.

The family mourners were led into the church by John and Peggy Edwards, the couple who lost all their three sons. The Rev Martin Keane, of the United Free Church in Lossiemouth, where Mr Edwards is an elder, said: "We remember six men and their

There has been no trace of David Main, aged 70, a lobster fisherman, also from Hopeman, who vanished over Christmas. His boat is believed to have been swamped.

THE SUNDAY TIMES A literary love affair

For Byron it was "a poetical place and classical". Proust went there and found "my dream had turned into my address". It was the setting for Thomas

Mann's best-known novel and Robert Browning wanted to build a tower "whence I can see Venice at every

hour of the day". Henry James went there seven times and took Ruskin's Stones of Venice with him.

Ronald Hayman traces the often stormy literary 'Bride of the Sca'. Travel – tomorrow in The Sunday Times

Did Jerry gatecrash?

Did Jerry Hall really gatecrash the Duchess of Devonshire's party? And who was the Spanish beauty who threw food at the Valentine Ball? Our society diarists take you behind the scenes at the best bashes of

> the year. Style – tomorrow in The Sunday Times

We should persevere because in ten years' time we may have made great progress. But we and the parents of these babies have to remember that a new heart is not a cure for this condition." Christy, of New Barnet,

north London, was by far the youngest baby to undergo the operation at Great Ormond Street.Christy's operation began at 9.40pm on Thursday after a suitable donor heart, from a baby girl aged four weeks, became available and was flown to London from a Merseyside hospital. The heart was successfully transplanted, but failed to function fully when life-support equip-ment was withdrawn. Its performance improved for about five hours, but then gradually failed to a sunge beyond which Christy could

couraged. We can learn from

failures as well as successes.

not be resuscitated. He died at 10.25am yesterday. Mr de Leval said the new heart had been damaged by lack of oxygen in the few hours between its removal from the donor infant and its transplantation.

Six years ago in London, Hollie Roffey, ten days old, became the world's youngest heart transplant recipient. The operation by Magdi Yacoub, a leading cardiac surgeon at the National Heart Hospital, seemed successful, but 18 days later she died of respiratory

Last year Professor Yacoub carried out a similar operation on a week-old baby, but again death followed within a few days. However, Kaylee Davidson, a baby girl given a new heart by surgeons in Newcastle upon Tyne at the age of five weeks, is now three years old, the longest survivor in

Britain of the procedure. Professor Yacoub, Mr de Leval and most other heart specialists passionately believe that transplants for babies must continue and the early failures will be outnumbered by the successes in the years ahead.

They point out that several hundred heart transplants for older children and for adults are now routinely performed in Britain.

resignation on the 34th move. The other three games in the There are concerns, howtournament, category 14 on ever, over the long-term conthe World Chess Federation sequences of grafting a new heart into a baby. The sidescale, the highest ever effects of powerful anti-rejection drugs that need to be taken for the rest of the child's achieved in the United Kingdler, of London, had survived life are not fully charted. a fierce onshught from Ice-land's highest ranked player Other operations, including a second or even third trans-Helgi Olafsson, and seemed to plant, may become necessary. have emerged with a safe extra

"Nobody knows what will happen in ten or 15 years to these children," Mr de Leval knight. A win here would make Chandler joint leader with Larsen. said. "The parents are aware Jon Speciman, defending with black against Tony of that, and they have to make the decision. It is not easy for Kosten, was pressing for a win in an endgame of rooks and pawns, though in theory them, or for us."

Operation on Christy, page 1



THE chase has been on for 60 27 from Japan, and eight from years, but the bureauctats have finally caught up with Summerhill, the do-as-youplease school where children attend only the lessons they discipline and the way in which the school is run. "It is very hard to organise a school and attend every lesson." Zoe Neill, the headmistress, said. She runs the school at Leiston, Suffolk, opened by her father A.S. Neill in 1927 on the basis that children know best. He was the first man to do away with the cane and encouraged other schools to follow his example. fought the educational establishment. Now his daughter has been given six months to comply with instructions from the Inspectorate of Schools or face closure. Yesterday, she dismissed the threat. They have asked us to find some more space for the classrooms and two extra

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Shakespeare successful Museum Store in (CAT), after only six months despite a 400 per cent increase in profit. The bank account holding the profits, believed to be over £40,000, has been frozen while the company and the trust negotiate the dissolution of the partnership.

"We have decided to draw direct management rather than contract any work out," ment of our new general structure under Adrian Noble, who takes over as artistic director in April Mr Pope joins us next month. We are very grateful to CAT for what they have been able to do." William Wilkinson, the RSC's financial director, was not

Company has parted with its Covent Garden, selling items merchandising partner, the from museums all over the Charities Advisory Trust world, and the merchandising for the Birmingham Art Gallery and Museum at a profit of £50,000, would not comment lest night.

It is understood that the RSC's merchandising profit of £11,000 in the financial year 1989-90 increased to more than £40,000 in the six all our operations under our months after the joint company was set up in April this year. CAT introduced new lines in tee-shirts, ties, cards took £438,000 in 1989-90, o administrator, Jonathan which £65,000 was profit. So Pope, in line with the new far this year the National has

taken £323,000. A quinquennial appraisal of the RSC carried out by the Arts Council last summer is understood to have given qualified support to the company's artistic achievements and plans, but to have recommended that merchan-The trust, which runs the dising should be looked into.

RSC to do own merchandising LAPHROAIG



Built on a bed of peat, it is the roads on Islay that do the travelling. As the highly absorbent peat takes in water, it expands and forces the roads to rise and fall. It is this same peat that is cut, dried and then burnt in kilns to malt the barley when making Laphroaig. Giving Laphroaig a distinctive rich and smokey taste that has remained unchanged for well over 150 years. As for the roads? Well, they have their ups and downs. SINGLE ISLAY MALT. AS UNIQUE AS THE ISLAND ITSELF.

Inquiry faces status riddle

available for comment.

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Home Office could face a constitutional quandary over the West Yorkshire police enquiry fighting fiercely for the full into allegations of impropriety by a Metropolitan police

The tournament was deassistant commissioner. clared open by Daniel John-Peter Nobes, chief constable son of The Times, who spoke of West Yorkshire, is inof Hastings's long chess travestigating allegations that dition in his inaugural ad-Wyn Jones, normally in dress. The tournament concharge of training and person-nel, was involved in improper tinues at the Cinque Ports police work for Asil Nadir, head of the collapsed Polly Peck group. Mr Jones denies This year an important innovation to help spectators to follow all the games has been the installation of elec-

any impropriety. Central to the difficulties created by the enquiry is the confusion over Mr Jones's status. He is one of six senior officers in positions thought to be unique in British policing. The public may accept offi-

the battle."

However, a pernicious

variant may also be at large

that can infiltrate a computer

through an "infected" disc or be "downloaded" via tele-

phone lines. It may have

entered British computers

SCOTLAND Yard and the cers of his rank as policemen, commissioner and his deputy but technically he may be in a and four assistant commis category of public official holding power by royal war-rant. Some Scotland Yard judge. Others argue that they officers believe that the



Jones: denies allegations of impropriety

sioners are of a standing are simply senior policemen. The point is, however, that Mr

Nobes might be considered to be of a lower rank. The assistant commission er's status would also make it difficult to frame a disciplinary breach, because he is not subject to the same regulations as an ordinary policeman. If there is a breach Scotland Yard and the Home Office will be left to work out a punishment. Mr Jones cannot be subjected to a gradation of police punishments for junior ranks, ranging from an admonishment to a fine or reduction in rank.

Computer virus battle 'is being lost'

By NICK NUTTALL

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE fight to control computer "viruses" - rogue programs that can damage sensitive electronic files - is being lost as programmers from eastern Europe, who believe they are being poorly rewarded in the wake of political and economic liberalisation, take their revenge on computer systems throughout the world.

Yesterday, it emerged that more than 300 are in circulation after a surge of computer virus writing in eastern Europe. Last year, about eight computer viruses were at large, and experts predict that, by the end of

next year, the number will have reached 1,000 strains. already, and be waiting to be triggered. The severity of the Edward Wilding, a leading threat emerged at a concomputer virus investigator and editor of *The Virus Bulletin*, said: "We are losing ference of computer virus experts in Hamburg. More than 150 new vi-

ruses, mainly from the He feared a possible Soviet Union, Hungary, Bulattack over Christmas and garia, Poland and the Balkans, have been brought back to Britain from the new year from a Polish electronic virus called Choinka, which is believed conference and are being disassembled. to have two versions. One is a nuisance version that con-Western experts say that sumes processing time by displaying Christmas trees and a festive message.

the unprecedented growth underlines growing dis-satisfaction among talented eastern European programmers, who believe they are being poorty rewarded in the wake of political and eco-nomic liberalisation in countries where most computer systems are state-owned. Most of the early viruses written by young people who wanted to confront "the

system".
The cost of detecting and removing rogue programs puter downtime has been estimated already at £5 billion world wide, and is likely to rise with the sudden surge of east European viruses. Many of the latest viruses seem to be designed to confuse systems and damage the computer software and hardware in new, and poten-

tially catastrophic, ways. Meanwhile, the process of identifying viruses and producing scanning devices that can detect individual strains is slow and painstaking.



Processing of poll tax defaulters 'not a matter for JPs'

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

local authorities can proceed community charge is a civil against poll tax defaulters.

the community charge are court.

tax payments from service-

dealt with, at that stage at More than one million least, in a different setting, people who have failed to pay such as a tribunal or county

through magistrates' courts in association, said: "We have England and Wales for a already been making repre- should pay or how they should hearing and a ruling that the sentations about this, not just local authority be granted a to the Home Office but to other bodies. We are not However, the Magistrates' making a political statement Association, which represents about the charge itself. Our order. This then enables the the 28,000 lay justices, argue concern is that this is not the authority to proceed to en-

Robert Key, junior environ-

Charge on forces decision criticised

By Douglas Broom, Local government correspondent A PROPOSAL to deduct poll debate before Christmas, is

men's pay, avoiding the spectacle of prosecuting defaulters, vice personnel are required to was rejected for "spurious ideological reasons", accordthe local authority in whose ing to a senior Tory MP. area they are stationed. Michael Mates, MP for Mr Mates said that no Hampshire East, said that the Ministry of Defence had offered to levy a standard mili-

explanation for refusing to change the system had been given "save the most spurious tary poll tax on service person- of ideological reasons which nel, which would be paid to were troned out repeatedly, the environment department that the serviceman must be treated exactly the same as his as a lump sum for distribution among local authorities. A civilian counterpart". similar arrangement was used He said that the principle for the collection of domestic was unsound and unfair. Unrates from servicemen. like civilians, servicemen had

"The environment depart-ment turned that down were posted. They could be because those in charge at the sent to a high poll tax area and time said that a serviceman given no choice but to pay. must pay his share wherever he happens to be," Mr Mates ment minister, said that sersaid. His disclosure, in a vice personnel must pay hitherto unreported section of towards the cost of local the Consolidated Fund Bill services.

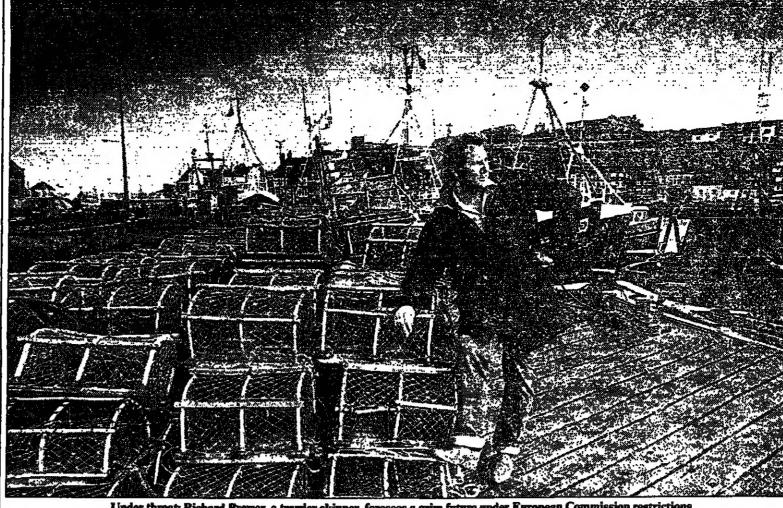
MAGISTRATES are to tell that their role in these hear- job we should be doing." She ministers that they do not ings is more administrative said that magistrates were also wish their courts to be the than judicial. Second, they concerned that they were comforum for granting orders so argue that non-payment of the ing in for criticism over their role in the granting of the with enforcement measures debt and as such should be orders.

"There is really no indicial input at this stage. People come before us, expecting us to be able to do something, estimated to have come Joyce Rose, chairman of the and to make some amendment as to how much they pay. But in general all we can do, if the procedure has been satisfactorily followed by the local authority, is to grant the force payment and send in the bailiffs or make an attachment

of earnings order." Informally, the magistrates have made their views known in a number of quarters and they are now considering the next step of more formal representations, possibly to the Lord Chancellor or the home secretary. One option is that a special tribunal could be bound to embarrass senior Conservatives. At present, serset up.

The Association of District Councils has criticised courts for failing to set aside enough time. Ideally, the association maintains, courts need to earmark one entire court, for two whole days a week, to deal

Most of this year's default cases are moving into the second phase, when cases where the local authority has been unsuccessful come before the court for a decision. Mrs Rose emphasised that it was right for the courts to be involved at this later stage, when they had power to fine the defaulter, remit all or part of the charge or imprison for default. This is then a proper hearing, where the defaulter has a chance to put his defence and we have power to take



Trawlermen fight EC 8-day fishing ban

Ocean Charm, a 60ft trawler moored in Whitby harbour, North Yorkshire, Richard Brewer, its skipper, surveyed an array of electronic gadgetry that has changed the working lives of modern fishermen.

Even the familiar paper charts have been succeeded by an electronic colour plotter that will display on a screen minute details of the fishing ground in the Forties, more than 200 miles off England's northeast coast.

Working on the trawlers, however, remains one of the most dangerous of occupations, in spite of the electronic aids, and trawlermen like Mr Brewer believe that

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regulations introduced by the European Commission to conserve fish stocks in the North Sea will make their lives far more risky and threaten their financial

From February 1, hun-dreds of boats in Scotland and along the east coast of England will have to spend eight consecutive days each month in harbour rather than in the fishing grounds. "What that means," Mr

Brewer said, "is that men will have to meet a mouth's expenses for their boat from only two or three weeks' fishing time. The financial pressures will lead to boats going to sea in bad weather conditions when they would normally stay in port, and that could lead to tragedies."

Fishing and the sea has been a way of life in Whitby for centuries. Today, it has a modern trawler fleet of 22 boats, most family owned, employing 130 crew, and 30 smailer cobles - flat-bottomed fishing boats.

The larger trawlers, which fish mainly for cod, will be hit by the new regulations. Around 70 English trawlers will be affected by the eightday izying-up rule.

The decision has angered

Fishermen say new regulations to conserve fish stocks will put lives, and their future, at risk.

Peter Davenport reports

who see it as a threat to their livelihood and traditional work pattern. Most of all. they resent the increased danger to the trawler crews that they believe will result from the new law.

John Gummer, the agriculture minister, has been accused of ignoring their interests. If there are deaths as a result of the legislation, he will be "a widow maker". the fishermen say.

A meeting of fishermen in

the port was held over Christmas after details of the scheme were announced. Only local crews were expected to attend, but fishermen from the Tweed to the Humber turned up to express their anger at the

A larger gathering, involving fishermen from all over the country, will be held this as keen as anybody to

action to combat the new legislation will be discussed. Possible options include a blockade of important ports or a fishing boycott in which all boats would tie up for the same eight days, so that no fish would be caught at all for that period.

The National Federation

of Fishermen's Organisations, fears that an eightday ban will gradually be increased, possibly to 15 days a month. It says noncompliance is the most effective way of fighting the restrictions.

Local skippers argue that the ban will not help conservation efforts, because the boats will simply try to catch more fish when they are at sea to make the most of their restricted time.

Mr Brewer, who is vicechairman of the Anglo-Scottish Fish Producers' Organisation, representing 250 boats, said that his local fleet had been caught up in legislation designed to curtail the activities of larger vessels that mainly operate on of Scotland. Whitby was paying the price for its efficiency, he said, and the new legislation would inhibit its flexibility. "We are

MacGregor and has agreed

that the title of the first attainment target, under-standing history in its setting.

should be changed to know-

ledge and understanding of

history, and that it should

have twice the value of each of

the other two targets: inter-pretations of history and the

use of historical sources. The fourth target proposed by the

working party, organising and

communicating the results of historical study, will be com-

curriculum, based on the Brit-

bined with the other three.

realise that something has to be done. After all, the fish are our livelihood and, for many of us, that of our children as well, but this is not the way to do it."

Mr Brewer said that he has to make £2,000 a week to meet fixed running expenses, and twice that to. ensure a reasonable wage for his crew of four.

Many fishermen believe that the government should introduce a scheme that pays men to de-commission old vessels, which would reduce the size of the fleet and the catch.

"By forcing us to stay in port for eight consecutive days the legislation does not take account of all the time we lose anyway because of bad weather or breakdown," Mr Brewer said.

PPERSONAL PROPERTY.

Berg :

"It will mean, in the worst cases, that we will be trying to earn a month's money in two weeks' actual fishing time, and that could lead to skippers taking decisions influenced more by financial pressure than by safety.

"We have sat and accepted too much for too long in this industry and now we are going to have to take action to get this legislation changed.

History lessons to focus on dates and places

teaching in the national curriculum to be introduced into schools next September. It comes after a fierce debate between traditionalists and the progressive educationists, who had argued that understanding was more important

than simply learning facts. In its final recommendations, the National Curriculum Council accepted the demand from John Mac-Gregor, the former education secretary, that knowledge should be tested independently. The final report of the history working party pub-lished last April had rejected that demand, saying that knowledge should be a part of

specific courses.

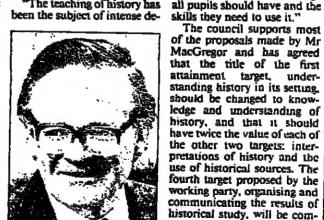
Duncan Graham, the council's chairman and chief executive, said: "Attainment will be firmly based on learning

NAMES, dates and places will historical information. Pupils bate for the last 18 months be at the root of all history will need to acquire precise This report provides the means will need to acquire precise This report provides the means knowledge about key events, of raising expectations and people and dates from each of standards and establishes a balthe periods studied.

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The teaching of history has

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What children will be expected to know

to retell the story of the old house can be used to Gunpowder Plot; select from a reconstruct the way of life of list of reasons to explain why in Victorian times railways became more important than canals; recognise the dif-ference between a fairy tale character and an historical personality; recognise that the statement "Alfred was King of Wessex" is a fact and that "Alfred was a good man" is a point of view, talk about what fluenced by the background they see in an old photograph; and political views of the show how museum exhibits writer, comment on written can help to explain how and visual sources relating to people cooked before they had the fall of the Bastille in 1789.

gas or electricity. At 11, list the causes and consequences of the fall of the their views; discuss why it is Roman empire; give a concise difficult to generalise about account based on historial changes in British attitudes sources of how two German towards the European Comfamilies viewed the rise of the munity; show how and why Nazis; show that they under- the recent history of China has stand that the Magna Carta is been interpreted and used as a charter that laid down the the people's republic; show rights of ordinary people; how a US account of the show how dufferent ways of building of the Berlin Wall to different interpretations of the event but little about why. century about Britain, Europe

At 7, children should be able information from a visit to an

those who lived there. At 14, show how relations between Eastern Europe and the USSR have changed since hardship led some French people to support the 1789 revolution; comment on how far an account of the Cold War is likely to have been in-At 16, give reasons why leading suffragettes differed in

After criticism that the original curriculum concentrated too heavily on English history, the council now recommends "a broad and balanced history

> ish Isles - not just England -but with substantial attention to the rest of Europe and the Mr Graham said: "British. European, world and local history should be carefully related to provide pupils with a systematic introduction to

Teachers are also to be 1945; show how economic given more scope to exercise their professional judgment. Without any loss of rigour,

Mr Graham said From age five to seven children will learn from their own experiences and family about events more distant in time and place. From seven to II, lessons will be based on key events and everyday life during important periods in British history, though all children will have to study ancient Greece, local history. long-term themes such as ships and seafarers, and life in From 11 to 14, they will move on to the Roman Empire, often mistakenly remembered differently in Hong Kong and Britain from 1066 to 1500. and the making of the United Kingdom. From 14 to 16, pupils will study a broad range selecting information can lead reveals US attitudes towards of major themes in the 20th and the world.

Adultery case vicar to appeal

The vicar of Henfield, West Sussex, who was found guilty in November of adultery with his curate's wife and another parishioner and was stripped of his living and vicarage home, is to appeal.

The Rev Tom Tyler's appeal will be heard by the Court of Arches, the consistory court for the province of Canter-bury. "The appeal will be heard as soon as possible," a church spokesman said yesterday.

Palace intruder Eugene Derck Smith, aged 32, an unemployed Inshman who climbed over a Buckingham Palace wall to talk to the Queen about a woman he was in love with, was conditionally discharged by Bow Street magistrates, central London.

Footballer fined Alexander Rac, a Millwall footbailer, of Meopham, Kent,

was fined £150 and banned for 15 months by Horseferry Road magistrates. London, yesterday for drink driving. His alcohol reading was more than twice the limit. Murder charge

Steve Huxtable, aged 40, land-

lord of a public house at Truro, Cornwall, was remanded by Liskeard mag-istrates yesterday accused of murdering his wife Elizabeth.

Limited power

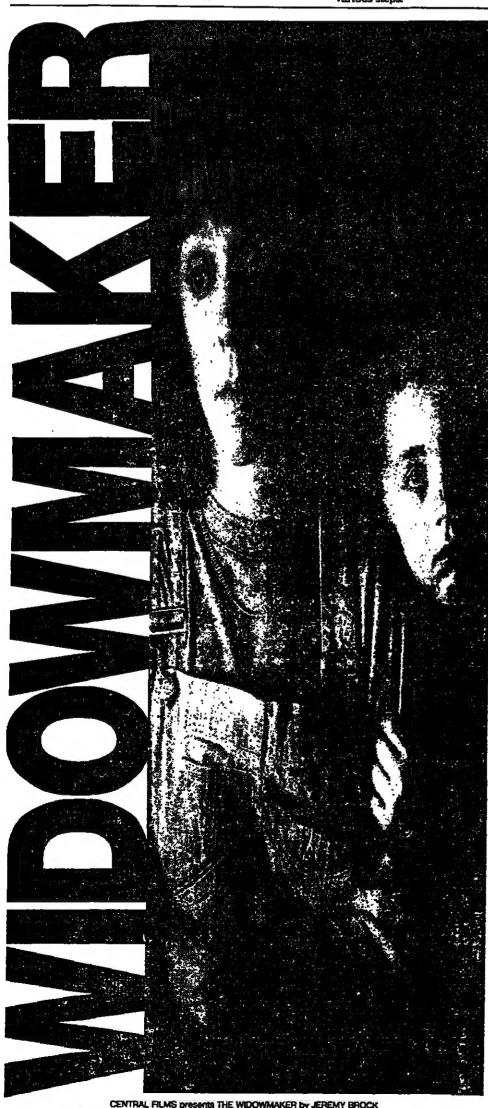
Efforts by Southern Electricity to restore power to homes cut off by bad weather at Christmas were hampered when offduty staff could not volunteer to help because they feared they would be over the drink-

Child charge

Sami Rafiq, aged 26, a taxi driver, of Forest Gate, east London, was remanded in custody by Thames magis-trates, accused of abducting a garl aged eight on Boxing day.

Falklands visit

Relatives of Argentine serv-icemen killed in the Falklands war are to visit their graves near Port Stanley, capital of the islands, in February.



CENTRAL FILMS presents THE WIDOWMAKER by JEREMY BROCK Starring ANNASELLE APSION ALLIN ARMSTRONG DAVID MORRISSEY KENNETH WELSH Music by RACHEL PORTMAN Executive Producer TED CHILDS Produced by DERDRE KER Directed by JOHN MADDEN

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Police chief sacked as Peking announces death for pornography

IN A renewed law and order People's Armed Police, a para- number of executions campaign, the Chinese gov-ernment yesterday dismissed the death penalty.

liberal and has presided since 1987 over an increasingly it harsh internal security system. But during the June 1989 demonstrations in Tianan-men Square, he was consid-ered to have lost control of his own police force.

officials who proved unreliable during last year's antigovernment demonstrations.

Mr Wang has taken long appeared only rarely at public functions. It is surprising that it has taken so long for his fate to be sealed, but the delay in his dismissal seems to reflect a desire among China's leaders to carry out their purge as gradually as possible in order to maintain their carefully orchestrated facade of unity.

It may, however, also signify resistance within the corridors of power to the unremitting hard line. Diplomats believe that despite the

military organisation under the head of the police force purged, with both the leader and minister of public sec- and political commissar remonths before last June of the approach of mass unrest on a urity, Wang Fang, and an-nounced that pornographers Mr Wang also holds the unthinkable in Mr Wang

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brought about his downfall. For long periods last sum-

mer Peking's police were in-

swarmed to Tiananmen

Square, appearing to be too

intimidated by the crowds to

keep order, and allowing stu-

dents to take over the direc-

tion of traffic. At other times,

police cadets joined in the

Recently Richard Schifter

the US assistant secretary of

state for human rights, visited China to hold talks with

officials there, including the

police. While it was a sizeable

concession on the part of

China to let the talks go ahead

at all, the visit bas made no

palpable difference to the rate of arrests and executions, or

indeed to the rhetoric in the

newspapers against the west-ern concept of human rights.

and drug smugglers will face position of first political commissar in the PAP. No rather, his inefficiency Mr Wang aged 70, has announcement has been made never been considered a of his removal from that post but he is not expected to keep

His replacement as police chief is Tao Siju, aged 55, until now one of Mr Wang's depthe minister of foreign eco-No reason has been given nomic relations and trade, for his dismissal — one rarely is — but it is believed to be part his replacement by his deputy of the continuing purge of Li Lanqing. Again no reasons were given. Mr Wang has been sacked

in the midst of one of the most vicious anti-crime campaigns leaves of absence and has in his career. He has repeatedly quoted the country's crime statistics and warned of the consequences He and Qiao Shi, the member of the Politburo standing committee in overall control of the police and state security, have promised in recent months to "deal a severe blow" to

Every day newspapers re port executions, often for burglary or fraud, not for crimes of violence. At Peking's courthouse large red sacking of several high-level ticks are painted proudly leaders, many of those on the across execution posters when Central Committee still re- the sentence has been carried main loyal to the ousted out. These posters are now general secretary, Zhao stuck one on top of each other Ziyang. Earlier this year the as the space runs out and the



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No surrender: Park Bong-sun holds a pistol to his head beside Shin Kwang-jae. They shot themselves dead

Korean **fugitives** commit suicide

From AGENCIES INSECUL

TWO escaped South Korean prisoners killed themselves with a stolen revolver in front of police yesterday to avoid being recaptured. A third fugitive gave himself up, police

Park Bong-sun. aged 30, and

Shin Kwang-jae, aged 21, shot themselves dead when armed

police approached in helicopters and rubber boats across a lake outside the provincial city of Tacjon, about 60 miles south of Seoul, police said. The third fugitive. aged 17, was caught near the lake. When discovered by police, he asked for food and gave himself up. police said. The three convicts escaped from a prison in the southwestern city of Chonju early on Thursday morning. Brandishing a knife, they snatched pistol from a policeman when stopped by two officers

seriously injured. The escapees then fled into mountains around Taechong lake but were trapped by a dozen marksmen on the edge

TAX FREE

early yesterday in Taejon. A

police officer was stabbed and

China 'arming Khmer Rouge' despite UN pact

From Associated Press in aranyaprathet, thailand

ary aid to Cambodia's Khmer Rouge guerrillas, despite claiming to have halted shipments months ago, Western sources say.
"The Khmer Rouge are

loading trucks and trucks of new Chinese ammunition," one Western intelligence official said. Other sources at this Thai border town and elsewhere along the Cambodian frontier said this week ing fresh deliveries of ammunation, in anticipation of a government offensive against the guerrillas.

China is the main backer of the communist Khmer Rouge, and of two other guerrilla groups fighting the government which the Vietnamese ces are preparing an offensive invading the country in 1978, The Khmer Rouge, which was ousted from power, is the strongest group, China said it had stopped

military assistance after the five permanent members of the United Nations Security soldiers, although Vietnam Council, including China, adopted a peace plan in late August. "Since the five mem-

council adopted the five documents on Cambodia. China has not provided any military assistance, including weapons, to the Cambodian resistance," China's foreign ministry spokesman, Li Zhaoxing, said last

The guerrillas have supported the United Nations cant UN involvement in the country's administration after that the Chinese were prepar- a truce and the holding of UNsupervised elections. But the Vietnamese-installed government has rejected key elements of the plan.

With peace talks stalled, fighting has intensified in western Cambodia in the past installed in Phnom Penh after in the approaching dry season, according to Western intelligence and guerrilla sources. They say the government is supported by Vietnamese troops who have secretly returned to Cambodia disguised as Cambodian government says it withdrew all troops from Cambodia in September,

Aquino seeks deal with insurgents

From Vaudine England in Manila

PRESSURE is growing on should be at the top of the President Aquino to achieve agenda. These talks are

gency in the Philippines. Marcos, her predecessor who the party and the government was overthrown in 1986. Mrs either eliminating the com-

talks failed to materialise this term of office. Disca

The government wanted time to pursue its own initistives," said a source close to with the legal front of the ippines, the National Demo-

cratic Front. The front's international representative there is the selfexiled Luis Jalandoni, who yesterday asked the government to free six jailed rebel leaders so they could serve as negotiators. Their names were

He said human rights



Aquino: hopes to leave 2 lasting legacy of peace

what she hopes will be the considered more significant lasting legacy of her rule: an than those with the Manila-end to the communist insur-based group of peace advocates, who are not members The communists grew in of the Communist party, but strength and influence under act as intermediaries between

"Both the government and Aquino hopes to put an end to the military are feeling the this perennial problem by pressure now." said the source. He was referring to the munists as a military force or deadline of May 1992, when new elections will mark the The latest round of peace end of President Aquino's week. But this was taken as a the possible legalisation of the good sign by negotiators Communist party must make involved.

Communist party must make progress before then if Mrs. progress before then if Mrs Aguino is to claim an end to the insurgency.

Those involved in the legal the talks. He said the govern- and underground groups conment was sending emissaries nected to the 21-year comto The Netherlands for talks munist insurgency insist that the potential for peace stems Communist party of the Phil- from the weakness of the government, not from the weakness of the communists.

"The left feels it is in a better position now than it was in 1986," said Etta Rosales, a senior member of Bayan, a radical left-wing

"Recently, the way the economic crisis has intensified from the point of view of the government or even the conservative church, the peace question has been brandished to pour water on increasing unrest."

Mrs Aquino's government tried to bring the communists in from the cold in 1986-7, but neither the left nor the military was ready for conciliation. Since then, the military has been distracted by a series of coup attempts from within its own ranks, and the communists' armed wing, the New Peoples' Army, has been riven by internal debate about the means of effecting a communist revolution.

Swiss free Marcos cash

Manila - President Aquino yesterday hailed a Swiss decision to lift the freeze on millions of dollars kept there by the family of Ferdinand Marcos, the former president, as a "victory for the Filipino people". Switzerland's Federal Court ruled that \$330 million (£175 million) in Swiss bank accounts should be returned. But it stipulated that before the money could be sent back a Philippine court must, within a year, open proceedings for the return of the money and order its confiscation. (Reuter)

Thai charge

Bangkok - Worawit Weeraborvornpong, the owner of a lorry carrying liquefied gas that killed 89 people and injured 44 others on September 24 in Thailand's worst road accident, has been charged with negligence, a criminal court official said here. (AFP)

Tokyo reshufile

Tokyo - Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, has agreed with leaders of the ruling Liberal Democratic party to reshuffle his cabinet than make significant policy sam temple in November changes. (Reuter)

MP arrested

Bangkok - A Thai par-liamentarian, Dusit Sophicha, has been arrested on charges of extortion a few days after the prime minister, Chatichai Choonhavan, vowed to sue him for slander, the national police chief said. (AFP)

Chun returns

Seoul - The disgraced former president of South Korea, Chun Doo Hwan will return to his old house in the capital during the weekend, ending his two-year rural exile. Mr Chun and his wife, Lee Soontoday in an apparent move to ja, went into exile in the 14thbolster his position rather century Buddhist Packtam-



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Rushdie to the rescue

Clifford Longley

called it yesterday in The Times. As a Muslim problem it has found a Muslim solution: Mr Rushdie's was born. In a conflict between Muslim demands and those of secular western society, however, there is a danger of this Muslim solution being used as a bad exam-ple. Not all conflicts between Muslims and others can be resolved by the others becoming Muslims. There must be other answers too.

The paradox of Islam is that it knows how to treat minorities -its record of toleration is, in the long term, better than Christianity's - but it does not know how to be a minority.
In principle, Islam makes no

distinction between church and state, between temporal and spiritual. The ability to make that distinction has been valuable in helping Christianity to adjust to pluralism, although it has exaggerated a tendency to mind-body dualism which was innate in Christianity. But the rules of Islam, the sharia, are also the rules by which an ideal Muslim society should be governed, so such a society is by definition a theo-cracy, and there is no materialspiritual dichotomy in its ideology. Here the Muslim world divides into two. The fun-dementalists for whom an uncritically literal application of the sharia is the only option are bound to find living in the West almost intolerable. In Britain, their response has been to try to create a Muslim state within a state that is outside British society and law, part instead of the Muslim "nation", the umma, where the sharia can be applied.

There have been demands for a special Muslim family law, under which an area of personal life would be roped off from state legislation and left to the religious authorities. Though fundamentalist, its supporters are by no means all fanatics: many are quite prepared to argue the toss with the legislators and meanwhile abide by state law. The model for their Muslim family law is the way the Koran grants an equivalent disensation to Christians and Jews living in Muslim societies, allowing them to marry, bury and worship according to their own

creeds, though not to proselytise.
The more westernised Muslim approach approximates to the Christian church-state distinction, rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. This technically imperfect way of being a Muslim is possible because of the temperate attitude within most of islam towards those of its mem-Muslim lives. It is tolerant of short-falling, and therefore can tolerate those for whom the sharia it has no future here at all.

alman Rushdie's conflict is little more than a historic with the Muslim world was memory or an infinitely postindeed a family quarrel, as he poned goal. These westernised Muslims say, at least in private, that the sharia was not written for a world of motorcars and telereturn to the faith into which he vision, and certainly not for secular pluralist democracies. The notion of a special family law for Muslims implies a degree of compulsion by the religious authorities, a prospect that many Muslims living in the West do not find inviting.

Among those with this more

western Muslim approach, probably an emerging majority, the Rushdie affair has caused deep embarrassment and profound misgivings, for it has been handled by the fundamentalists so as to coerce not only Mr Rushdie but them too. They have been put under notice that western freedom of speech does not apply to them should they ever dare question their faith publicly. As a Muslim, Mr Rushdie could do much to help them by accepting moderate Muslim demands but refusing to bow to the extremists. Very few Muslims in Britain have any time for the ayatoliahs of Iran, though until now it has been hard for them to say so. They would

welcome such a stand.

The false fundamentalist image of Islam projected in the West obscures the degree of clearsighted wisdom among the great majority of its members and their leaders, who are not remotely fanatical nor ready to turn their backs on the real achievements of western civilisation. Christianity went through the 18th-century Enlightenment as a trauma; but Islam, by and large, would have found it quite congenial. Its recent contact with the West, including the Rushdie affair itself, has been an Enlightenment experience two centuries late. Only the real fundamentalists insist that Islam has nothing to learn, as it knows everything already. The rest will want to know what the Rushdie

affair has to teach them.

What it teaches is that a secular pluralist state like Britain, far from being indifferent to religion, is prepared to defend literally to the death the right to religious free-dom of absolutely anybody — a left-wing ex-Muslim Indian or anyone else, whatever the merits of his case. Relations between states will be broken off, even wars will be fought, before those obliga-tions are broken. Muslims should admire such resolution: it matches their own. They need to be able to incorporate into the Islamic tradition of religious tolerance the western (and by no means un-Islamic) principle that to compel a man against his conscience, or to punish him for his religious thought, is one of the most abhorwatershed, Islam has a healthy future as a western religion. If not,

...and moreover

Matthew Parris

"DEAR Beverley," I wrote this Caristmas, to my sister-in-law, "I realise that you will loathe this magenta jug with a purple handle, but that is not the point. I also loathe it. My secretary, who gave it to me, disliked it intensely. It was given to her. As she explained, I could give it to somebody cise, saving the cost of buying one.

"I accepted her logic, and the gift. I now pass it on to you, in the same spirit. You should give it to someone else - perhaps with a photocopy of this explanatory note. Your affec-tionate brother-in-law, etc." At the heart of the concept of

present-giving lies a devastating flaw. It is simply expressed and its logic is irresistible; yet working it through to its necessary conclusion brings, in the days succeeding each new Christmas a million heartaches. It is a truth which each of us eventually, somowfully, discovers.

If somebody really wanted something, they would have bought it for themselves. Or. to put it the other way round: if someone hasn't got something already, it's probably because

they don't want it. There are, admittedly, two classes of person for whom this does not hold: people poorer than ourselves, and children.

Children are not just the exception to the problem, but the cause of it. It is because we cherish such happy childhood memories of receiving presents that, as adults we believe that it is possible to occasion the same pleasure in others by giving them. It is not, Children must learn that the joy of giving is seldom reciprocal. We may give them presents, but we should not require presents in return. Instead of giving us things, children should be set helpful

tasks to accomplish. Children are nearly as strong as adults, have more energy and are far cleverer. Recreation is the last thing most of them need, but that is something craved by everyone over 13 as we start to rush headlong towards physical and mental decrepitude. There are many useful jobs - gardening, cataloguing the compact disc collection, sweeping the chimney — that would make lovely presents for parents, and teach children a valuable lesson for adult life: that, most often, the best thing

you can give is time.

And for those poorer than ourselves? For them, material gifts do bring pleasure. But is the British family Christmas the best way of achieving this? The reason someone likes a present is that it is something he could ill afford himself. The reason he could ill afford it is that he lacks money. So why not give him the money straight? Within families I understand that this is best arranged through offshore

Perhaps you find the reasoning brutal? Take it, then, stage by stage. Start with a concept you find acceptable, such as book tokens. In what respect is a token (exchangeable only in a bookshop, for books) inferior to money (exchangeable anywhere. for anything)? Once you have plumped for money, ask yourself how often one actually spends these gifts of money on presents? If the gift is needed it will be spent on the gas meter. We are talking, in other words. not of a "ring-fenced" gift, but of a simple alteration to a bank balance. The next stage in your reasoning is to accept (as you must) that if your friend or relation wishes to return your affection with a gift of his own, money is also the best way. The final stage is to subtract the sum you would give from the sum be would offer. The balance negative or positive - can then be transferred in one simple transaction. If it is a large one, consult an accountant.

The day is coming when every citizen will be able to key his desired yuletide transfer into a central computer, everything will then be set off against everything else, and the outcome reconciled into a single transaction - positive or negative - between each citizen and the central account. Remittance advices will be sent, so that each knows by whose generosity he has benefited.

These remittance notes will be accompanied by a festive Planners hoodwinked: Marcus Binney on the commercial exploitation of country houses

No grounds for development here

Planning authorities, at least in the matter of great country houses, learn nothing remember nothing. During the 1950s and '60s, council after council agreed to schemes for new bungalows along the drive, houses in the walled garden, caravans around the most, all in the vain hope that this would generate funds to restore the old house or

The record was set by poor Finedon Hall in Northamptonshire, which is now engulfed in executive homes, but it looks likely to be beaten by the Duke of Hamilton's former seat at Archerfield, where East Lothian council is "minded" to grant permission for 400 houses and holiday apartments in the grounds and for vast hotel wings that will overshadow the house.

The classic cautionary tale is of Pell Wall in Shropshire, the last country house by the great Sir John Soane. Here North Shropshire district council gave building permission on plot after plot in the grounds to provide funds for restoration, until it became clear that the owner would never spend

one penny on repairs. Indeed, he eventually applied for permission for controlled burning of the interior as if it were a stubble field. The district council, to its credit, changed tack and fought heroically in the courts to save Pell Wall, its action culminating in a com-pulsory purchase and sale to a building preservation trust. But today not a trace of Pell Wall's once glorious interiors survive.

Now Vernak, a Jersey company representing Asil Nadir family interests, is seeking consent for development plans at Burley-on-the-Hill, a magnificent but empty baroque palace overlooking Rut-land Water. The original plans, described by the Georgian Group as the "most horrific of their kind ever seen", have been turned down, but permission is still sought for a 36-hole golf course and a new, free-standing hotel annexe, in temple form, in the garden.

Rutland council's planning committee is "minded" to grant consent in the belief that this may at last prompt repairs on the house. Look more closely at this gracious £7 million annexe and it becomes apparent that the cost

runs to £365,000 a bedroom, double what any normal hotelier would pay for even the grandest accommodation. The applicants, say the council, are planning a 30year payback period. But how is such a charitable approach conceivable in today's recession?

No, as soon as permission is granted (the house is already on the books of Knight Frank & Rutley), a substantially higher price will be sought. And the new owners will probably say immediately that the hotel annexe is too small, and that restoration of the house cannot begin until they have planning permission for a much If the good burghers of Rutland

have any doubts on this matter, let them look at the recent record. At by Capability Brown - planning permission was granted for hotel use, with houses in the walled garden, and the property was im-mediately put back on the market.

At Thoresby in Nottingham-shire, a hotel scheme for the Gleneagies of Sherwood Forest went through (forcing a sale of the contents) and immediately after

again. Herstmonceux in Sussex, one of the finest 15th-century castles in England, was sold for £6 million and then put back on the market for £15 million as soon as the planning authority had agreed in principle to the addition of a hotel annexe larger than the castle

and to 60 "corporate lodges". The lesson that planning authorities must learn is this. By granting permission for any enabling development in the grounds of a country house, they almost invari-ably allow a speculator to make a turn. The result is that anyone with a reasonable and sympathetic heme is put out of the running, and that houses continue to rot as

each new purchaser tries to improve on the planning permission. Mr Heseltine, who has just taken a landmark decision by rejecting the appalling proposals for development beside the stone circle at Avebury, should send out a clear signal by calling in the Burley-on-the-Hill application for a public enquiry. Ian Lang, the new Secretary of State for Scotland, should do the same at Archerfield. In both cases, what is

lessly for a great house.
Houses like these will find the right buyers only if they are offered for sale at a price that reflects their condition and the amount of money that needs to be spent on them. If the asking price instead reflects the value of the building plots in the grounds they are doomed.

Country house hotels do not need vast new bedroom wings to succeed. Richard Broyd, who has brilliantly transformed three major houses - Bodysgallen in Wales, Middlethorpe outside York and Hartwell in Buckinghamshire makes a point of this by saying in his promotion "you will not find modern bedroom wings, nor do golf courses cross our path". Just five miles up the road from Burley, an American, Bob Payton, has carried out a superb hotel conversion at Stapleford Park, while Tim Hart's Hambledon Hall nearby has three red roofs (for comfort) in the Michelin Guide. The success of both is due simply to making the best use of the house alone. The author is president of SAVE

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The fears ravaging a dream

Mary Dejevsky in Moscow finds the western spirit of Christmas in vogue, asthough it will invoke the wealth and well-being that every statistic belies

n Christmas Eve, Soviet television opened its gramme with a tribute to peace, goodwill and charity. Only then did it report the serious business of the day: the continuing debates in the Soviet parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, on no less a topic than the future

of the country.
In an increasingly strange Soviet. Union, this unaccustomed order of priorities seemed especially odd, because in most of the Soviet Union December 24 is merely the eve of an ordinary working day. The Russian Orthodox Christmas (which will be a public holiday in Russia and the Ukraine next year for the first time since 1917) falls on January 7, and the main Soviet holiday of the season is New Year.

The Christmas tribute may have been the quirk of a news producer or a small attempt to distract preoccupied viewers from their everyday worries. More likely, it was part of a general fascination with the West, a fascination which assumes that if the Soviet Union can somehow assemble the components of the western way of life - from public holidays and feasts to banks and stock exchanges - the whole will spring to life, in all its wealth,

colour and variety.

Everyone knows that in the real world that sort of thing does not happen. Yet as 1990 passes into 1991 there is a sense in which Soviet territory seems suspended

in time and space.

Some time during the late summer and autumn, the Soviet Union as such ceased to exist. In a matter of months, all its central institutions from economic contracting to universal conscription have started to unravel. But the Soviet Union's leaders and most of its people persist in the pretence that its demise, if real, is only

temporary. Given a little of Gorbachev's well-practised chivying and a spot of old-fashioned discipline, they believe, the Land of the Soviets, with its rousing national anthem, will revert to its predictable old self.

The economic plan will be finalised to the last dot and comma and heroically overfulfilled. The shops will suddenly be as well-stocked (a relative term) as they were in the down of as they were in the days of Brezhnevian plenitude, and the spectre of ethnic conflicts, of refugees, of hunger and of bloodshed will evaporate as quickly as it appeared. People hold to this belief because deep down they fear something incalculably worse. Some might compare the cur-

rent mood with that of a phoney war; others to the silence before a storm. To an engaged observer, the drama has something of a complicated thriller and horror film combined, with no hint of the denovement that must come.

The widely reported food shortages are a public symptom of the private disquiet. Increasing numbers of people are seen on the streets in daytime: people who in this country of notional full employment would otherwise be at work. They queue and hoard not because they are hungry, but because they fear that they may be soon. No one is confident any longer that the government, the president or anyone else will come to their rescue. They must look after themselves.

Crime statistics add to the concern. Reports of violent crime have risen steeply in the past two years. For the first time, the total number of murders committed in the Soviet Union each month is reported to have exceeded that in America (2,050 against 1,790), Other Soviet crime figures are far lower than in America, but in a country where publicised crime is



At least one treat in store: after queuing for hours, shoppers leave Children's World in Moscow yesterday with presents

For all the cheerful statements of earlier years, the Soviet Union has never been free of crime, and the recorded increase may be a product more of glasnost than of reality. Folk myths used to abound of pedigree does snatched to make meat and fur hats. There were tales of people killed for their fur coats or their western-label jeans. But while such incidents used to be the stuff of apocrypha, the common perception now is

that they happen all the time. The suicide rate presents an equally gloomy picture. To at-tempt suicide in the land of the bright future was once a sin as mortal as for a Roman Catholic, Because it also reflected the short-

a novelty, they still trigger alarm comings of society, it was passed and fear. comings of society, it was passed over in silence. So the wave of suicides in the past two years may, like the crime figures, reflect a reported rather than real increase, but Russians choose to believe otherwise: they see it as a collective cry of despair.

Last week, a Soviet newspaper deepened the depression still further by writing of a third demographic catastrophe for Russia. The first, it said, was the combination of the first world war and the civil war; the second Stalin's purges and the second world war. The third it deduced from a sharp turn for the worse in the birth and mortality rates for the Russian Federation over the past four years. This has combined with rapid emigration to give the first

net decrease in the republic's population since the last war.

The increase in the mortality rate, from 10.4 per 1,000 in 1986 to a projected 11.6 per 1,000 in 1990, was said to combine the effects of alcoholism, poor medi-cal care and a reduced desire to live. The fall in the birth rate, from 17.2 to a projected 13.9 per 1.000 over the same period, was ascribed to alcoholism, poor medical care, and the rejuctance to bring children into an uncertain world.

uch figures, of course, have overtly political overtly political as well as statistical uses. The rise in reported crime is used by the law and order lobby to press for tough action, which might include the use of military force. Food shortages are used to demonstrate the impotence of reformist local councils. The demographic figures are used by Russia's political conservatives to persuade Russians to defend their cause more aggressively. Cumulatively, however, the figures contribute to a general trepidation that the territory of the Soviet Union and the people who inhabit it are in terminal decline. Last week, as though there were

no tasks more urgent, the whole of the Soviet leadership, together with 2,000 delegates, forsook their desks and telephones for 10 days Kremlin congress hall. In that time, the respected foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, resigned; the prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, suffered a heart attack; the Soviet government as it has been known for 70 years was abolished, and a little-known bureaucrat was advanced to become vice-president.

On the streets, the talk was not of constitutional change and renewal, but of food shortages, rats deserting a sinking ship and the lure of the West,

Before the snow fell two weeks ago, gardeners were digging over the ornamental beds beside the Kremlin wall and wrapping the sapling trees against the frost. Did none of the passers-by wonder then, as they hurried to the next queue, what sort of a country would greet the daffodil shoots and birch buds in the spring?

CAP: common arts policy?

t a time when British cultural flagships such as Welsh National Opera and the London Philharmonic Orchestra are lobbying for more cash, the Arts Council has made an unprecedented grant to a snow featuring 50 live goldfish and a giant model lavatory - and per-

formed by a French company.

The £25.000 grant to the Théatre La Fontaine will be met with disbelief by groups at home suffering from Arts Council cash limits. The WNO has said it will have to close within six months if it does not receive more money, and the LPO, as The Times reported vesterday, is puzzled by the cut admittedly only £3,000 - in its grant for the coming year.

The French show, billed as an environmental entertainment for children", is being produced by the Gillingham-based theatre group Dual Control, which is theoretically the recipient of the grant it tells the story of a rebellion by fish against man-, kind's pollution of their habitat, and begins a seven-week tour of England in February, complete

What? The fish, the bowl or the grante

with a 25ft fish tank containing two and half tonnes of water.

"This is the first time we have

funded a tour by a continental company with a British producer," says an Arts Council spokesman. "It is a very exciting initiative."

Producer Ellen Kent, of Dual Control, says she is bracing herself for complaints that a "rich" French company is soaking up funds needed by British arts companies "But such comments are nonsense, and very insular, she says. "The Arts Council is very enlightened in doing this. It is opening up a two-way traffic between here and the Continent." In any case, she adds tellingly, why should the company not receive an Arts Council grant? "After all, we are using British fish."

 For a little festive fun, the winter issue of The Scottish Conservative resurrected the famous photograph of Mrs Thatcher stroking a goat during the 1987 general election campaign for a caption com-petition. The editor, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, who still counts himself a staunch Thatcherite, had no hesitation in selecting the winning entry: "We are a nanny now,"

Stirling service fier the commemoration of

the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, former members of Bomber Command are determined that 1991 will be the year their role is remembered. 'No one would deny that Fighter Command saved us from invasion in 1940, but it is equally certain that the turning point occurred in 1941, when Bomber Command started repaying the enemy with interest, led by the Stirling," says Dong Simmins, a former flight lieutenant who flew

Stirlings. "Churchill said that the fighters were our salvation, but the bombers alone provided the means of victory.

The now almost forgotten Stirling entered operational service on the night of February 10, 1941, as the first of Bomber Command's four-engine heavy bombers to respond to Germany's onslau on British cities. By September 1944, when they had been sup-planted by the Halifax and Lancaster, Stirlings had carried out more than 15,000 sorties.

Alas, of the 2,400 Stirlings built, not one remains, so if there is a bomber flypast during 1991, only its successors will take part. Members of the 600-strong Stirling Aircraft Association, under the presidency of Group Captain Hamish Mahaddie, will neverthe-less celebrate with a 50th anniversary dinner next month at St Ives, Cambridgeshire. The following day, after a church service at Longstanton, they plan a buffet lunch at Oakington, a former RAF base used for the first Stirling

operation. Half a century after Hitler. however, they could be shot down by enemy action. Oakington is now an army camp, and if lighting breaks out in the Gulf, the gathering may be cancelled.

Rent asunder

the left-wing Labour council in Ealing, west London, where he lives. Now Sir George Young, Ealing's best-known Tory resident and a local MP, is feeling the heat. Only weeks after Young was appointed to the government as housing minister, the council, which bucked the national trend by going Conservative last May, is raising rents for its 20,000 tenants by 38 per cent. It is not even waiting until April, the start of the new financial year, the increase, averaging about £10 a week, will take effect immediately. The Conservative leader, Mar-

or years Neil Kinnock was embarrassed by the antics of

tin Mallam, puts much of the blame on the last Labour administration, though he admits that government changes in housing subsidy arrangements - for which Young is now responsible - have made the situation worse. Does he have any qualms about making Young so vulnerable to local ire? "He is worried that the rents have gone up so much," says Mallam, but is aware of the problems we are facing. We have kept him in touch with what is going on." Kinnock must be glad that Labour is no longer in control.

Where be treasure?

year after the execution of Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena, no one is any nearer tracking down the private fortune they are believed to have secreted away. The Romanian government has been unable to trace any of it, and no tellinle documents have been discovered among Ceausescu's papers.

John Sweency, who is writing a book about the Ceausescus, has begun to wonder if any secret bank

accounts exist. "Although he was cunning he was also very stupid," he says. "Ceausescu possibly

spent it all on his palaces. Edward Behr, who is working on a rival book, disagrees. He has interviewed members of the Ceausescu family, including Nadia Bujor, a niece now living in Paris, and he is convinced the trove exists, possibly in Swiss accounts. "It could be \$400 million, but Ceausescu left no will and felt so much above the law that it is now hard to establish how much he had or where it is. But whatever he put away he spent more on palaces, hunting lodges and retreats. Romania is full of bedrooms built for the Ceausescus but never slept in."

Power switch

ichael Reidy, who headed Peter Walker's private of-fice when Walker was energy secretary, is following his former political master into the boardroom of a company in whose privatisation he was involved. While Walker sits on the board of British Gas, privatised under his stewardship in 1986, Reidy, a central figure in the sale of both the gas and electricity industries, has landed a directorship of PowerGen.

Along the way, Reidy's path has taken him to the door of several parties connected with the privatisation. While still a civil servant, he was seconded successively to Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank which advised on electricity privatisation, and the Central

Electricity Generating Board. PowerGen will not say what Reidy will earn as its director of corporate services, but one thing is certain: it will be a great deal more than the top civil service salary of £38,600 that he was paid as an assistant secretary.

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LABOUR AND LIBERTY

The Labour party is about to unveil its plans for political reform, a "charter of rights".

This will be a direct political challenge to the new libertarianism mooted by John Major. After a decade of Margaret Thatcher, marked by a conservative authoritarianism towards civil rights, there is now a good chance that Britain is entering a period of real constitutional development. If this is not just tinkering but leads to a substantial shift of power between the government and the governed, the prospect is exciting.

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Labour's first offering will cover government secrets, the intelligence services, personal privacy, oversight of the media, anti-discrimination laws and rights of association and assembly. The government for its part has hinted at reform to parliamentary procedure and seems likely to take a more relaxed approach than did Mrs Thatcher to secrecy in government business.

The Labour party, however, has been here before. Commitments to extend civil rights have often featured in the party's programmes when in opposition. But in power Labour has tended to put the public interest in open government second to the "national interest", the classic excuse for secrecy.

Perhaps this time Labour means business. There is much worth pursuing in its new charter. If, as seems likely, the Tories are reluctant to see themselves outflanked by Labour on civil rights issues, then the debate now beginning should lead to many overdue reforms. The unwritten British constitution is often praised, against foreign sceptics, for its flexibility. Now is the time to demonstrate those virtues.

The focus of this debate should be the relationship between government and governed, the obligation owed by the former to the latter as part of its democratic mandate. This obligation covers the availability of official information, the accountability of the security services and the freedom of the media and parliament to exercise proper scrutiny of the executive.

There is now a wealth of experience on all these topics from other democracies which have been less cautious than Britain. The experience, for instance in America, does disclosure. But the secrecy surrounding government documents, the complete lack of scrutiny of secret service activity, and the boorish use of archaic legislation by Downing Street to protect its political back, were unappealing features of the old regime which should be remedied.

Labour's approach is the piecemeal one eschewed by such groups as Charter 88, which has placed much confidence on a bill of rights achieving "at a stroke" a radical transformation of the citizen's relationship to the state. The one-step-at-a-time advance Labour prefers, however, is more likely to produce early practical results than the vague formulas of basic constitutional documents. None the less the relationship between British law and the European Convention on Human Rights is worth further study. The conception of rights in common law is too weak to bear all the burdens put on it. But the practical and constitutional difficulties of aligning what are in principle different philosophies of law should not be underestimated.

Opponents of enshrined rights argue that they are a poor substitute for parliamentary supervision of the executive. They cannot rest their case there, however, as the reform of parliament itself has becoming pressing. This body has been reduced - by ever tighter whipping and cruder use of patronage - to a pale shadow of its constitutional role. The hostility showed by Mrs Thatcher to public enquiries and commissions led to a polarisation of discussion on many aspects of constitutional reform. Yet such enquiries have long had a useful purpose, to air alternatives and secure a measure of bipartisan agreement for reform. Partisan amendments to the constitution serve only partisan purposes while weakening the constitution in turn. A non-partisan enquiry into the future of local government finance would still be an ideal way out of Michael Heseltine's poll tax dilemma.

The British constitution must never be allowed to stagnate. All political parties have to keep an open mind on constitutional reform and the more promiscuously they exchange ideas the better. Mr Major should not always tell in favour of greater not be shy about stealing Labour's clothes.

MADE IN BRITAIN

The rupture between Nissan, the Japanase car company, and its long-standing but separate British distributor, Nissan UK, is a dispute which may have important implications for the European car industry.

The countries of the European Community are currently engaged in a protracted wrangle about Japanese car quotas in the EC after the creation of the single market in 1992. Five EC countries, including the UK, apply quotas on car imports from Japan: the rest do not. Brussels, rightly, sees that as incompatible with the single market: a car imported from Japan to Germany should be freely available for re-export to Britain. With the ending of quotas in 1992, Brussels is seeking agreement from EC member countries to transitional arrangements involving voluntary restraints on Japanese car sales. But it is wrongly bending under pressure, as part of a fudged compromise, to include cars made in Britain by Japanese companies.

Distributing Japanese cars will be big business, very big indeed if Japanese car plants on EC soil are eventually treated as domestic EC industry and therefore beyond all restrictions on their marketing. Part of the disagreement between Nissan and Nissan UK is over the fixing of prices at such a level that holds sales down, presumably for fear of upsetting the longer-established British and European car industry by too rapid a growth in sales. Such Japanese fears should be unnecessary, however, as Nissan ought to be fully entitled to regard itself as part of the British car industry, not as an alien invader.

It is well known that other manufacturers take advantage of a cartel-like climate, if not advocacy in the negotiations in Brussels.

an actual cartel, to price their cars higher in Britain than on the European mainland. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is currently investigating this aspect of car pricing in Britain. Part of Nissan UK's complaint is that it has been prevented by Nissan itself from acting against that apparent cartel, to force prices down by competitive pricing. But the time has surely come for Nissan to start losing its inhibitions, and to give the others the competition they deserve.

Britain now has more Japanese manufacuning bigurs man any omer common m western Europe. Wherever Japanese companies have set foot in the UK, their devotion to quality has forced British industry to improve its standards. Carmaking is no exception: Nissan has galvanised motor manufacture since its decision six years ago to set up in Britain. It should be prepared to galvanise the car distribution industry too.

Japanese methods are still different. They are now, in all respects except the ultimate destination of their profits, British companies - Nissan is at least as much a British car manufacturer as are the Americanowned Ford and General Motors. Brussels should state clearly that all cars fully manufactured in the EC are EC cars, whether the company is Japanese-owned or not, and they should be excluded from the current negotiations on import restrictions. The value of Japanese companies as a spur to industry in Britain and throughout Europe is immense. They have invested here: they are entitled to British support and

SAVE ST PANCRAS

The need for emergency work to protect Britain's finest and saddest grade one listed building is tragic. Consultants have had to be called in to prevent winter doing further damage to the roof of the former St Pancras hotel in London, opened in 1873, closed in 1935 and completely empty for most of the past decade. Plans to re-create the building as a hotel in the grand style remain shelved, and with the downturn in the property market must be considered at risk.

A masterpiece which in any other European capital would have been restored to its original glory (like the Gare d'Orsay in Paris, for example) stands dirty and decaying on a prominent site next to the proposed new European rail terminal.

The treatment of St Pancras has been a fiasco, full of lessons for the conduct of Britain's public sector. The first fault lies with the owner. British Rail, who for years failed to allow the building to be used for commercial development in order to realise its value. The objection was that the building was part of a station and should be kept for railway purposes, with no thought of profit. The result, mercifully, was that conversion into an office block was postponed until developers became interested in restoring St Pancras as a hotel. But British Rail's property board delayed further, as differing railway interests impeded the efforts of the selected developer, Speyhawk, to carry out plans for a hotel agreed by the Victorian

Society and the historic buildings agencies. Then other villains entered the piece. The local council, Carnden, used St Pancras as a weapon in its ideological war on enterprise. Little concerned with jobs or with conservation, it imposed new delaying conditions on the plans. St Pancras then became enmeshed, both financially and operationally, in the much bigger redevelopment of the King's Cross site, where it is now stuck.

Sheer bigness is the greatest enemy of speed and efficiency in administration. The King's Cross development - involving new overground and underground termini, new tunnels, demolished buildings, displaced neighbourhoods, rerouted roads - was so huge and complex that sceptics doubted whether it would ever happen.

While in theory each piece of the jigsaw could be seen into place, the practicalities of British planning law made it nearly impossible to achieve. The government, by refusing to reform private bill procedure for land acquisition by utilities, virtually ensured stalemate. While public enquiries have their defects, a speeded-up enquiry route would have been both more demo-

cratic and faster. St Pancras is now sinking into the King's Cross pit of despair. Its financing depends on partial cross-subsidy from the bigger development, a development that may never take place at least in its more ambitious form. A restoration which might have been confined to the old hotel and its immediate hinterland has fallen victim to the yearning for bigness that afflicts all public corporations and government departments. Sir Gilbert Scott's great Gothic staircase, his splendid coffee room, the magnificent bedrooms, dining rooms and massive vaults must remain empty and forlorn: a memorial to what Britain cannot do, dating from a time when it could.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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local government From the Chairman of the Prison Governors: Association From the Chairman of Berkshire

County Council

Sir, All sides in the debate about the restructuring of local government are calling for a fair and "stable" system, as if there were one. This ssue was addressed in the Redcliffe-Mand report and there was in 1972-3 a declared intention to implement those recommendations

The outcome was the squalid compromise we have now. That arose partly because MPs were unable or unwilling to resist special pleadings for their own areas and from their supporters, and partly from geographical and other horsetrading. Thus in Berkshire, Reading and Slough were cut off from their hinterlands to the north, with consequent long-standing planning and development problems.

The only justification for reorganising local government is to give a better service at the same or lower cost. That and unitary authorities were the Maud ideal. What actually happened were vastly inflated bureaucracies and generous handouts to those retiring officers who were disappointed in not obtaining a position to which they thought they were entitled. All those costs devolved on the taxpayers. Whether you now abolish 300-plus district councils or 46 county councils, the costs this time for the same easons will be equally horrendous.

In the first years of the 1973 reorganisation officers' and members' time was largely taken up with administrative and organisational problems. It was only after ten to 15 years that full attention was given to getting good services at low cost.

The same will happen this time. Of course there are immense potential advantages in unitary authorities but it is the word "potential" that causes difficulty. It is either frustrated as before or never realised.

The way forward is surely not by another disastrous edict from Parliament but evolution, i.e., by providing mechanisms to change things only when and where there are significant problems. The abolition of the worst anomalies of 1973-4 changes - Avon and Humberside has been put on the agenda by the Boundary Commissions.

Surely this is one way forward which will enable the pros and cons of change to be carefully considered. Such additional costs as will arise will be on a small scale and the chances of immediate increases in efficiency and accountability possible.

Addressing local government finance and how and by whom it should be raised could, on the other hand, automatically produce significant improvements. If at the same time the trend to the enabling council continues, a reformed local government will naturally evolve.

Yours sincerely, W. A. WISEMAN, Chairman, Shire Hall, Shinfield Park, Reading, Berkshire, December 20.

Green Christmas

From the Secretary of the British Christmas Tree Growers' Association

Sir, I refer to Mr Charles Scott's letter about Christmas trees (December 24). In this enlightened age Christmas trees are grown in special plantations, far too close together ever to grow into large trees. Each one we harvest is immediately replaced with another. While growing, each one is absorbing 27 lbs of carbon dioxide a year. There are nearly 40 million growing in the UK and between them they are converting nearly half a million tons of CO2 into carbon and oxygen annually.

None would be grown if people did not have real Christmas trees to enhance the fun and happiness of the family Christmas. The more real Christmas trees people buy the more there will be to help to keep our atmosphere clean.

Yours faithfully TONY RICHARDSON, Secretary, British Christmas Tree Growers' Association, 12 Lauriston Road, Wimbledon, SW19.

Independent policy

From Mr Peregrine Worsthorne Sir, Contrary to what was reported by Mr Charles Wintour (The Press, December 26) Mr Max Hastings does not determine the policy of The Sunday Telegraph Comment Sec-tion. I do, and the section's independence remains undiluted.

Yours faithfully, PEREGRINE WORSTHORNE (Editor, Comment Section), The Sunday Telegraph, Peterborough Court at South Quay, 181 Marsh Wall, E14.

Forms of address From Mr John Knatt

Sir, Vivien Allen asks (December 21) when her grandson should be promoted from "Master" to "Mr". At 16, my elder son equipped himself, from the proceeds of his paper round, with some remarkable gold-coloured adhesive labels marked "Julian Knott Esquire". These he applied generously to both notepaper and envelopes.

Yours faithfully, JOHN KNOTT, Mariow House, Lloyds Avenue, EC3.

From Mr Scirard Lancelyn Green Sir, I would glibly suggest that one becomes "Mr" and ceases to be "Master" on reaching majority, matrimony, or (at least in Oxford) matriculation, whichever is the

reduce staff/inmate contact, essen-tial for building the relationships on

Sir, Prison governors will welcome the interest in penal reform evidenced by your editorial "A mission for Mr Baker" (December 15) and your call for the new home secretary to take a "no limit" prison initiative. But Mr Baker will first want to see the report of Lord Justice Woolf as well as reports from

the chief inspector.
So serious was the state of the prisons in 1976 that prison governers collectively decided to publicise bad prison conditions and overcrowding.

If conditions and the treatment of prisoners are to improve across the service - and especially in the older overcrowded prisons - much de-pends on the governor part of management team. A major part of the task of HO is to help the governor. But in practice, the Whitehall culture of reluctant and cosmetic delegation prevails. Gover-nors have too little power to control resources, for example in financial matters. Much greater delegation of

control is needed. Effective leadership is required at the top of the service. The Whitehall culture produces very able and talented administrators. But it does not necessarily produce those with the leadership qualities capable of inspiring the best response from the prison service. A governor has never had the chance of filling the top post. If radical change to the top leader-ship is being considered, then it is time a governor was appointed

director general of the prison service. Leadership and management changes are not enough. The tasks and resources of the service have to be brought into balance. Your reference to overmanning calls for comment. Governors believe that the 15-25 per cent efficiency cuts brought in under "Fresh Start" have left the service's manpower overstretched. An example is our inability to free staff up to be trained. This especially serious because the amount of change taking place requires a high-training investment, for example in suicide prevention

training.
Cutting back operational staffing

A way forward in Changes at the top for penal reform Where music on is no answer, it will only further

which the service depends. This relationship must have quality and that demands time. The service requires some uplift in manpower

resources

Finally, your editorial gives no impression of the range and volume of work currently in hand to try to improve all our establishments. Governors, whether working at HQ or in establishments, are heavily committed to change.

When the Prison Governors' Association meets Mr Baker we will be wanting to work with him to improve the service. Our members, along with many other prison staff, want to make the next year or two a turning point for the prison service after 45 years of struggling with overcrowding and bad conditions.

Yours sincerely, BRENDAN O'FRIEL, Chairman, Prison Governors' Association, HM Prison Risley, Cheshire.

From Mr Abel Hadden

Sir, Admirable and necessary as they are, few if any of Judge Turnim's 123 recommended prison reforms (report, December 19) will alter the situation in the short term.

The report makes no mention of rison visiting. At prisons up and down the country there are 850 lay volunteers regularly visiting a small fraction of Britain's 50,000, often overcrowded, inmates.

The prison visitor offers the inmate an independent perspective by bringing the outside inside and accepting fellow man on level terms. It is time that this role is acknowledged and publicised for its real contribution.

Prison visiting provides a valuable, cost effective and immediate solution to the sense of isolation which often leads to suicide. This is a major issue which everyone can significantly influence. An hour a week is all it takes. I urge potential visitors to contact the chaplain of their local prisons today.

Yours etc., ABEL HADDEN (Prison visitor), HM Prison Wandsworth, SW18. December 20.

Damage at birth From Ms Julia Cahill

Sir, The letter from Mr S. C. Simmons, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (December 13) supporting Sir Donald Acheson's suggestion that children brain damaged by obstetric negligence should lose their right to seek compensation

through the courts must not go In 1989 doctors themselves defined defensive medicine as putting the interests of the doctor before that of the patient. Having arrived at this definition they accepted that

defensive medicine was always unacceptable practice. The notion of defensive medicine arose out of the increase in litigation in the US. Medical politicians cited the ever increasing percentages of caesarian births as proof of the existence of defensive medicine. In

shown it was no such thing. What recent research has shown however is that the more comprehensive an American woman's private health insurance cover the higher the level of obstetric inter-

fact, as subsequent research has

she will deliver by caesarian section. In a profit-based private health care system a caesarian section in hospital is vastly more profitable than a birth at home. Behind the American notion of

vention and the more likely it is that

defensive medicine is the theory that doctors practise it to protect themselves from their financial liability to injured patients. Since January this year all NHS doctors in this country have been relieved by the government of all financial liability for medical negligence claims. If the interests Mr Simmons says doctors in this country will seek to protect by the practice of defen-sive medicine are not financial, what are they?

Injured patients in this country are now, for the first time, effecting through our much maligned court procedures a form of accountability that puts the medical profession's own accountability forum, the General Medical Council, to shame. Having been relieved of financial liability are medical politicians now seeking to also escape accountability? Yours faithfully.

JULIA CAHILI 135 Offord Road, Islington, N1.

Torture by Iraqis From Dr Fawzia Mohammed

Sir, Amnesty International has confirmed (report, December 19) the authenticity of eye-witness accounts of Iraqi forces removing equipment

from Kuwait hospitals.

Previously, Dr Gisli Sigurdsson (report, December 11) had denied the validity of reports that troops had removed premature babies from incubators and left them to die while they took equipment to

The Association for Free Knwait has documentary evidence from three medical eye witnesses who testified at a United Nations Security Council hearing on November 27 that they had personally wit-nessed, amongst other incidents, the eviction of babies from incubators.

The latest Amnesty International report states that Iraqi forces had tortured and killed many hundreds of victims, taken several thousand prisoners and left more than 300 premature babies to die after looting incubators from at least three of Kuwait's main hospitals.

Yours etc. FAWZIA MOHAMMED, The Association for Free Kuwait, PO Box 4PD, London WIA 4PD. December 19.

soonest, were it not for one difficulty.

Our former housekeeper ad-dressed my late father as "Master

Roger" until the day she died, when

he was in his late fifties. Her

husband continued to use the title

for about another five years, and I am sure they would both have done so to the end had they outlived him. By this time I had been "Mr" for

S. R. LANCELYN GREEN,

Poulton Hall, Poulton-Lancelyn,

Sir, More problematic is when a

some years.

Yours faithfully.

Behington, Wirral.

From Mr A. E. Huckle

Miss becomes a Ms?

Great Peter Street, SW1.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN HUCKLE

2 Strutton Court,

Poll tax and voting From Dr Edmund Marshall

Sir, Mrs J. V. S. Robertson (December 14) suggests that people with second homes, paying two poll taxes, should be allowed to vote in local elections of both places. Our current electoral law allows such citizens to do precisely at she suggests, provided the two are in different local authority areas and that both can be recognised as their

Indeed, there is no limit on how

many times an elector may be registered for different home addresses, and at any local government council election it is legal to exercise multiple franchise, provided no person votes more than once in an annual election with the same authority. Curiously, if an elector is registered in two different parliamentary constituencies and, by chance, by-elections occur in both those constituencies on the same day, he or she is legally entitled to vote in both places.
It is debatable whether this is

morally right, but at present it is legally allowed. Yours faithfully, EDMUND MARSHALL 14 Belgravia Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire

Sir, Ms Allen should surely stop

addressing her 14-year-old grandson as "Master" and use "Mr" when his

Sir, When does "Mr" become

"Esq"? And should one address grandmothers as "Ms"?

Letters to the editor should carry

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From Mr Peter West

From Mr D. A. Douglas

Yours faithfully, DAVID DOUGLAS,

Wilkes Barn, Elmdon

Saffron Walden, Essex.

voice breaks.

Yours festively,

PETER WEST 28 Bulmershe Road,

TV intrudes

From Mr Michael J. Clow Sir, On Saturday, December 15, 1 visited my local concert hall to see and enjoy an evening of classical music performed by the Halle Orchestra. The producer and conductor of the concert did not feel the need to enhance the performance by projecting on to a giant screen moving pictures of either Linford Christie running the 200 metres: Graham Gooch scoring his memorable 300th run; or even

The sight and sound of the orchestra was allowed to stand on its own. Its power and beauty did not require any alien art form as a buttress. Plain common sense?

The following day I switched on the television in anticipation of seeing and enjoying an evening of sport via the "Sports Review of the Year" on BBC1. This was ruined by the mindless and intrusive music which accompanied virtually every clip of film.

The producers of present-day sports programmes on television either have no faith in the quality of their product or no concept of the nature of the sport being televised. They do have however, a massive arrogance which enables them to be arbiters of the type of music chosen to spoil the visual image.

As with music, sport has its own unique sound and quality: the roar of spectators, the thunder of hooves, leather on willow, and the grunts of a rugby pack. Even silence has it role in sport: the hush before a vital conversion, putt or pot. When will television sports producers have the common sense and humility to let their sport stand alone and to stop inflicting their unnecessary and un-wanted musical tastes on viewers?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL J. CLOW, 12 St Wolstan's Close. Wigston Magna, December 18.

From Dr Vernon F. Hall Sir, Not only for the deaf (letters, December 3, 21) but also for many whose hearing is reasonably good BBC Television have been for some years the most constant purveyor of unasked and unwelcome noise.

With their strange obsession for background accompaniment, if it is possible to include a noisy riot, a loud car or aeroplane engine or discussion group, it is always in-cluded. And they go further than that in their otherwise excellent nature programmes, it appears that no bird will fly and no deer will canter without a musical stimulus,

Indeed they go even further, for they insult their actors and playwrights by improving their work by loud or soft music, so as to ensure that the less intelligent v listener will understand what the spoken words really mean. The fact that the music often prevents even the slightly deaf from hearing what is said apparently does not matter.

Were all broadcasting producers brought up in the age of the silent film when the valiant piano thumper did so much to help? Yours faithfully, VERNON F. HALL

83a Foxgrove Road, December 21.

House in the frame From Mr Anthony

Gladstone-Thompson

Sir, I was surprised and amused to read William Cash's article today (December 27) about burglars stripping fixtures and fittings from period houses: surprised, because the house chosen to illustrate the text is unexpectedly my own, and amused because there sadly remain few if any of the features listed as being valuable; there is no door case; the slates are asbestos, the baths steel; and the chimney pieces made, by me, of wood. I am happy for the address to be

identified, since my neighbours and I in the local residents' association would like would-be thieves of this kind to know that our houses are too modest and have suffered too much in the past from being rented or converted into bedsits to be of interest to them. The house your staff photographed was a nightclub in the 1960s

and then a nurses' hostel until a few years ago, and any apparent period detail is reproduction.

Yours faithfully, A. H. GLADSTONE-THOMPSON (Chairman, Stockwell Park

Residents' Association), 29 Stockwell Park Crescent, SW9.

From Mr Frank W. Button Sir, Ms Vivien Allen's problem is solved if she follows the practice of the Society of Friends (Quakers) and just uses a Christian name and a sumame,

Yours faithfully, FRANK W. BUTTON, 390 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mrs Lynne Lindsay Sir, in reply to Ms V. Allen a "Master" becomes a "Mr" when the envelope containing the Christmas card no longer contains a £5 note.

Yours truly, LYNNE LINDSAY, Frodsham, Warrington,

Ashlands. a daytime telephone number. They Cheshire. December 21.

SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss A-MLB. Newell

Mr D.A.R. Therp

Marriages

London.

Mr M. Craven and Miss S.L.H. Setton

and Miss SLLH. Sented
The marriage took place
on Friday, December 28, in
Chelsea, between Matthew
Craven, of New York, and Sally
Sutton, only daughter of
Lieutenant Commander and
Mrs Michael Sutton, of Chelsea,

Mr J.A. Miller-Day
and Miss A.S. Bailey
The marriage took place in
Hong Kong on December 23,
1990, between James MillerDay, son of the late Mr Marc
Day and Mrs Winnie Day, of St
John's Wood, London, and
Alison Bailey sonner daughter.

Alison Bailey, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Bailey, of Great Ellingham, Norfolk. A religious ceremony will be held in London in the spring of 1991.

and Dr F.E. Tallack

The engagement is announce

between Michael, second son of

Mr and Mrs Alexander W. Law,

Mr G. Beal and Miss N.W. Frank

The engagement is announced between Gary, son of the Rev and Mrs J.G. Beal, of Clovis, New Mexico, and Nicola, daughter of Dr and Mrs P.L. Frank, of Hale, Cheshire.

Mr M. Broogfield end Miss E. Matthews

Mr R.G. Thurlow The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the Rev and Mrs D. Broomfield, of and Miss F.C. Wedderburn The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Thurlow, Loughton, Essex, and Emma, daughter of the Rev and Mrs R. of Godslming, Surrey, and Matthews, of Newport, Gwent. Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wedderburn, of Mountquhanic,

Lieutenant N.I. Cheetham and Miss S.E. Davies The engagement is announced between Nicholas, The King's Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Chertham, of Oswestry, Shropshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Davies, of Little Ness, Shropshire.

Mr S. Courtney and Miss E.C.W. Hancock The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs H.A. Courtney, of Fife, and Emma Caroline, daughter of Mrs Ena Lee and step-daughter of Mr Roger Lee, of Reading, Berkshire.

and Miss W. Ito
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan, elder son of
Mr and Mrs Robin Eliot, of
Boars Head, Sussex, and
Wakana, younger daughter of
Mrs Hideko Ito, and the late Mr
Takao Ito, of Tokyo, Japan.

and Miss R.J. Hood
The engagement is announced
between Shaun, son of Mr
and Mrs David Gay, of
Westminster, London, and
Rachel, daughter of Mr and
Mrs John Hood, of Hemel
Hempstead, Hertfordahire.

Birthdays

TODAY: June Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, 77; Sir Richard Beaumont, diplomat, 78; Lord Beaverbrook, 39; Mr John Connell, former chairman, Distillers Company, 66; Mr Bernard Cribbins, actor, 62; General Sir Robert Ford, 67; Professor L.C.B. Gower, former vice-chancellor, Southampton University, 77; Mr David Hall, chief constable, Humberside, 60; Sir Simon Hornby, chairman, W.H. Smith, 56; Mr Gilbert Hant, company

Mr G.H. Newsom, QC, 81; Mrs Rosalind Preston, former president, National Council of Harvey Smith, showlumper, 52; Mr Jon Voight, actor, 52; Sir Edward Williams, former commissioner-general, Expo 88,

TOMORROW: Mr A.M. Allen, former chairman, UKAEA, 66; Mr Gordon Banks, footballer, 53; Professor Sir Roy Calne, surgeon, 60; Mr Anthony Cripps, QC, 77; Mr Bo Diddley, guitarist and singer, 62; General Sir David Fraser, 70.

Lord Harvington, 83; Dr J.T. Houghton, chief executive, Meteorological Office, 59: Lord Howick of Glendale, 53: Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, 82: Professor Dame Rosalini, 82; Professor Danie Rosalini, Indrew, microbiolo-gist, 61; the Right Rev Peter Nott, Bishop of Norwich, 57; Sir John Prideaux, banker, 79.

Sir Albert Robinson, company director, 75; Professor A.H.R. Rowe, Dean of Dental Studies, United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, 65; the Duke of Somerset, 38; Lord Terrington, 75; Sir David Willcocks, former director, Royal College of Music, 71; Mr Clifford Williams, theatrical

Appointments in the Forces Honorary appointment

Major General Robin Digby Grist is appointed Colonel of The Gloucestershire Regiment from January 31, in succession to General Sir John Waters.

OBITUARIES

REAR ADMIRAL CHRISTOPHER **HUTCHINSON**

DSO, OBE, died at his home iciency through the latter part in Hampshire on December 24 of the siege, when the toll on aged 84. He was born on submarine crews and comm-march 13, 1906. submarine crews and comm-anding officers was particu-

of Aberiady, East Lothian, and Ana-Maria Begoña, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip F.J. Newell, of Haywards Heath, CHRISTOPHER Hutchinson was an officer of forthright and forcefully expressed success for the long-serving class of "T boats" when, commanding the submarine HMS Truant, he sank the German cruiser Karlsruhe in the naval plans division and and Dr F.E. Tallack
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Arthur Thorp, and the late Mrs Beryl Thorp, of Angmering, Sussex, and Fenella, younger daughter of Mr Philip Tallack, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Mrs Avril Tallack, of Wendover, Publisher Mrs Avril Tallack, of Wendover,

the Norwegian campaign. Born in Gainsborough, his promotion to captain in Lincolnshire, he joined the 1950. Commanding the 3rd Royal Navy in 1919, and underwent initial submarine underwent initial submarine at Rothesay, he had respon-training in 1929, passing the sibility for advanced subsubmarine command course in 1936. In early 1940 HMS he was appointed to Australia Truant carried out a number for two years as naval adviser of patrols off the Danish and to the high commissioner, and Norwegian coasts. Norway then returned to England as had been neutral, but the captain of the Royal Naval German invasion was laun- College, Greenwich, During ched at the beginning of April. Denied an earlier opportunity of attack, on April 7 Hutchin- the first time with all her son sighted the Karlsruhe serving and retired admirals leaving Kristiansand after in the Painted Hall. landing troops. Penetrating her screen of destroyers, he staff on the Far East Station in carried out a successful tor- 1956; and his success during a pedo attack; he was then subjected to heavy and prolonged depth-charging by the escorts, and was able to surface only after 19 hours at the great depth, for those days, of 300ft. Even then, he was repeatedly forced to dive by enemy

sircraft during his return.

Rear Admiral Christopher Flotilla in Malta. His work to Haynes Hutchinson, CB, maintain operational efflarly heavy, earned him a mention in despatches. Sent in 1944 to the British Pacific Fleet Task Group as staff views. His career ranged operations officer, he saw the widely but much of it was joint Anglo-American camdevoted to the submarine paign through to the surrender service. As a lieutenant com- of the Japanese fleet in Tokyo mander, he achieved an early Bay, receiving the OBE for his services in the direction of this highly complex operational and logistical task.

Subsequently he served in April 1940, at the beginning of as an instructor at the Joint Services Staff College before Submarine Squadron, based marine training. From there that appointment he received the Queen when she dired for He was appointed chief of

> period when the area was beset by international and local problems was crowned by promotion to rear admiral in 1959. As director general naval personal services and officer appointments, he covered virtually all aspects of service pay and conditions, as



sulted in particularly strong sented the Royal Navy at December 1961.

Retiring in 1962, he de-voted himself to his 20-acre was very happy despite garden in Sussex, but he also steadily failing health, which found time to be churchwarden of a widely spread Awarded the DSO, he then well as managing the career parish, and to preside over Coppinger, who supported served in operational staffs in patterns of all officers. Among and entertain the county him unfailingly throughout the UK until posted in late other aspects of this post, his branch of the Submarine Old his career and retirement. She 1942 to the 10th Submarine chairmanship of the Royal Comrades' Association, A life- survives him.

Navai Film Corporation re- long sportsman, he represupport by the British cinema hockey, played cricket (which industry for the provision of he adored) twice for the MCC. off-duty entertainment for the and was a keen and consistent flect. He was appointed CB in shot. In later years, he and his wife moved to a smaller house near Winchester, where he

he bore with determination. In 1941, he married Nancy

MERAB MAMARDASHVILI

opher, has died suddenly of a heart attack aged 60. He was the author of some born on September 15, 1930.

was more than a vocation for was due to be completed him, it was a distinctive, around the time of his death, passionate and intense way of and a work on Proust may yet living to which he was deeply see the light of day. dedicated. His free personal His difficulties with the dedicated. His free personal style, rather than any formal authorities sprang more from dissidence, led him into diffi- an intense personal indepenculties, and he had lost his dence than from formal various positions in Moscow, including the deputy editorsity (in philosophy and psychology) by 1973. He subdevoted following both in Moscow and Tbilisi. Unable to travel abroad

during the period of stagnation between the fall of coming of Gorbachev in 1985, United States and, in the new the intellectual tele-dons of Soviet television.

A native of Gori in Georgia. he was the son of a Red Army colonel. He arrived at Moscow university philosophy faculty in 1949, and in the 1950s took a very active part in the cal of existentialism, and deeply committed to Des-cartes and Kant. He considered Descartes to be the ideal and he leaves a daughter.

Merab Mamardashvili, philos- European philosopher, with He was the author of some 60 articles and a number of books, of which the latest. MERAB Mamardashvili was How I understand philosophy, a philosopher in a very East appeared in Russian this year. European style: philosophy His major work on Descartes

participation in the dissident movement. His focus on

ship of Voprosy Filosofii and a thinkers such as Descartes and lectureship at Moscow univerpreoccupation with consciousness and individual personsequently returned to his na- ality. One of his closest tive Georgia, where he was a intellectual soul-mates was professor in the Academy of Alexander Piatigorsky, exprofessor in the Academy of Alexander Society Philosopher, Budd-personality and enjoyed a hologist and Buddhist, now of devoted following both in the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. It was typical of Mamardashvili that this intellectual partnership was not allowed to be Khrushchev in 1964 and the diminished by physical distance and the then formidable he was freed by perestroika and was well on the way to acquiring a following in Paris similar to that he enjoyed at home. He also lectured in the salem. 1982), at a time when the salem and independent of the salem. Iron Curtain. The two friends such intimate and indepenliberal climate, became one of dent intellectual co-operation across boundaries was hardly likely to endear an author to the powers that were.

Mamardashvili was profoundly Georgian and at the same time cosmopolitan and European. His French and Italian were impeccable and philosophical turmoil of the had a good mastery of time. His manner of handling markers was to re-incorporate in the had a good mastery of English and German. It does not detract from his Georgianporate it in the classical tra- ness to say that in his presdition of German philosophy. ence, one could indulge the He was much drawn to Hus-illusion that one was returning seri and phenomenology, criti- to the great age of the pre-revolutionary Russian intelligentsia.

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Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: Andrew Johnson. 17th president of the USA 1865-69, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1808; William Ewart Gladstone. prime minister, 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886, 1892-94, Liverpool, 1809; Pablo Casals, cellist, Vendrelli, Spain, 1876. DEATHS: Thomas à Becket.

murdered in Canterbury Cathedral, 1170; Jacques-Louise David, painter, Brussels, 1825; Charles Lamb, essayist, Edmon-ton, Middlesex, 1834; Christina Rossetti, poet, London, 1894; Rainer Maria Rilke, poet, Valmont, Switzerland, 1926; Maurice Harold Macmillan, 1st Earl of Stockton, prime minister

poet, novelist, Nobel laureate 1907, Bombay, 1865; Stephen

DEATHS: Robert Boyle, cher ist and physicist, London, 1691; Sir William White Baker, explorer in Africa, Newton Abbot, Devon, 1893; Alfred North Whitehead, philosopher and mathematician, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1947. Transch Massachusetts, 1947; Trygve Lie, first secretary-general of the UN 1946-52, Geilo, Norway,

Institute of **Physics**

The following have recently been elected Fellows of the institute of Physics: Dr J R Birch (National Physical Laboratory); Dr P J Blakeley (Cambridge Engineering Design Ltd); Dr D A Bradley (National University of Malaysia); Dr A J A De Sa (University of Newcastle); Dr A R Dexter (AFRC-Institute of Enginering Research); Dr A G Fitzgerald (University of Dundee); Profes-(University of Dundee): Professor P J Goodhew (University of Liverpool): Professor N A Halliwell (University of Halliwell (University of Loughborough); Dr C A Miles (AFRC Institute of Food Research); Mr J Mun (STC Technology Ltd); Dr A A Newton (AEA Fusion, Culham Laboratory); Dr C Parish (Plessey Semiconductors Ltd); Professor B F Schutz (University of Wales College of Cardiff); Professor M H University of

economist, Swanmore, Hamp-

Francis Cowper, historian of Gray's Inn, died at his home in Sussex on December 16, aged 84. He was born

FRANCIS Henry Cowper was a talented and stylish legal columnist as well as being a notable historian Women of Great Britain, 55; Dr Maurice Harold Macmillan, 1st Earl of Stockton, prime minister 1957-63, 1986.

Magnus Pyke, nutritionist and broadcaster, 82; the Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, 54; Sir Kenneth Sharp, accountant, 64; Mr BRTHS: Rudyard Kipling, Story and Stor of Gray's Inn. The son and Gray's Inn in 1929. After a pupillage in common law chambers at 4 Essex Court, where he once wrote an advice on evidence in verse, Cowper practised for only a short while. He became a law reporter, first in the chancery division and then for nearly 40 years in the House of Lords. His industry as a reporter was remarkable. When he retired as a

reporters were needed to succeed

Although the epitome of all that a good law reporter should be. Cowper's chief distinction lay in other fields. He will be remembered as the foremost historian of his first inn (he joined both Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inn also). His Prospect of Gray's Inn was first published in 1951 and a second revised edition appeared in 1985. The book is regarded as a classic in the literature and affectionate. He also produced the text for Legal London with splendid illustrations by Felix Topolski, However, Cowper probably reached a wider readership through his regular columns in the New Law Journal (under the name Patrick Purpoole) in the Solicitors' Journal under the name result of a major operation three Richard Row (his best known

pseudonym) and under his own name in the New York Law Journal.

FRANCIS COWPER

In his earlier days he concentrated on the foibles of the law and some of these were anthologised in Scores in My Wig. But his interests outside the law gradually established an ascendancy in these delightful ephemera. Memories of middleclass London in the 1920s and 1930s, reviews of books, musicals and French films which caught or nostalgia for his boyhood days in Brittany, Lot and the Vendée, and ferocious attacks on developers and other despoilers of the landscape. Within Gray's Inn, Cowper was a

byword for upholding the traditions and camaraderie of the lun at dinner in hall, where he was regularly a zestful senior, and elsewhere. He supported its moots and debates and affection. The last decade of his life was, right up to his death, an indefatigable editor of the Inn's house magazine Graye. As a devout Catholic he had a life-long devotion to the Thomas More

Society. Short of stature, of distinctive features, and with a voice whose carrying powers he constantly underestimated, Cowper was a gregarious person and a most agreeable conversationalist. At his beck dimensions from literature and light verse. His boyhood summers in France and his association with the author Pierre Maillot meant that he was a fluent and cultivated French inguist.

A modest man, in person selfdeprecating, in his writing romantic and gently melancholic, Cowper was a person who inevitably inspired

brought him considerable honour in his Inn. Having earlier declined, with courteous dignity, the offer of his flat rent-free for life because, he said, all be had done for Gray's Inn had been done for love. Cowper was later elected an honorary bencher in 1977. Last year he was accorded the rare distinction of a house dinner in his honour, 60 years after his call to the bar.

as a member of the Savas Club and also much prized his membership of the Beefsteak Club to which he was elected in 1983. He was himself an elegant obituarist and contributed a number of entries on members of the judiciary to the Dictionary of National Biography.

He is survived by an only

Church services tomorrow

Sunday after Christmas

GANTERBURY GATHEDRALL 8 HC: 9.20 M: 1.1 Starp Euch. To Deurn, Gabbons Short Service. As on the night between the leased morn (Gabbons Short Service. As on the night between the leased morn (Gabbons), Gabbons in F. Teste and see N. 1.1 Start in 8 minor, What revester music Grunery, 6.30 Carol service. VORK MERSTER 8. 8.45 HC: 10 SEACH, Messer de Muniut (Charpentier), 0 magnum mystertian (Poulenc), Ven L. Stanford in C. 4 E. Stanford in A. Sansinder: 11.20 M. Remomest Grown of the Communication of the Communic Hev J Malifeurium.
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P Pennwarden. PREMIERUS FARWER (SCHOOL), CRICIA P PREMIERUS CATHEDRAL: 7.8, 9. 10.30 SM. Misss de Angels (Piginsong), 12, 5.30, 7: 3.30 V & 8. 8T GEORGES CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARE 8, 10 (CHIGHRAY), 6 LM; 11.30 HM. CRICER ORTHODOX GATHEDRAL, OF THE DEVINE MISSION. 1994 Canon T Present Control of the Control of the

THE CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace: 8.30 MC: 11.15 MP. Wassall

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.16 HC. Byrd in three parts. The Creed (Merbeche), The ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 11 MP, Stantord in A. Jesu the Very thought is sweet (Victoria).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street. 5W3: 8, 12 HC: 10 Church's Service: 11 M. Preb CE L. Thomson, 6 E. Preb C E L. Thomson. CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 S Euch. Rev S Acisnd. HOLY TRUSTY, Bromston Road, SW7: 10.30 Family & HC. Preb J T G B Collins: 6.30 Infortual Service. HOLY TRUSTY Wes the sorty (Porter).

87 SHEDPS, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Duch. Stanford in C. Missa Bei Arathert (Lessus). Bestde the Cradie (Bach), Coventry Carol (Leighbon).

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57 CLITTIBERT'S, Philibrach Cardens SW6: 10 HC: 11 S Euch. Carbons in F. Carots, Rev J Vine.

87 QEORGETS, Bisomobury. WCI: 10

RECEAT.

ST GRES-IN-THE-PELDS, St Cries high St. WC2: 8. 12 HC: 11 MP, Rev P Franch: 6.30 EP. Rev G C Taylor. ST JAMES, Morrale Hill, NIO: 8 HC: 11 Morrale Worship: 6.30 Evening S Euch; 8.45 EP. The Vicar.

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MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road. 8 HC. I S Euch, Mass Deckel, Or T Martin; 6.30 E, Rev CONST.

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Church news

LAND. Punt Street, SW1: 11. 6.30 Rev S Dunkery.
GROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Covent Garden, WC2: 11.16 Rev H G Ross.
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GRIRCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove. St John's Wood: 10.45, Missa O quam deriousm (Victoria). Passores Locuebantur (Castroro).
THE GRATORY, Bromston Road.
SW7: 7. 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass. Missa Lectatus sura (Victoria). Hodde Cristus natus est (Handi). 12.30, 4.30, 7: 3.30 V & E. Resonet in laudibus (Handi). ST ETHELOREDA'S, Ely Piece: 11 SM. Mass in C minor (Kitson). O Jeave Your sheep (Kitson). Sketch (Schu-HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, WI: 11 Rev P Hoar: 6.30 Rev J Grennie. REV J GRIFFINA.

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SALVATION ARMY (Repent Math. Corrord St Wi: 11 3 (Music) 6.30 Major Colin Hunt.

ST ANDREWS URG. Frognat Lane NWS: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGREE (Lutheran).

Creshum St. CCE: 11 HC, Rev M M ZOTA: 7 Carols from Many Lands, Rev V F Frazier. V F Frazier. ST JOHEPS WOOD URG, NWS: 11 Rev Dr D T Jenkins.

ET COLLIMIEA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev S Damicevy.

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WESTMINSTER GENTRAL HALL
CASCHOUSU, SWI: 11. Family Carol
Hour. Rev Dr R J Tudor.
WESTMINSTER CHAPL, Buckingham
Gate, SWI: 11. 6.30 Rev Dr R T
Kendah. WESTMINSTER INSETTING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Archaeology

First hunting dogs thrived on fish

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE EARLIEST domestic rather than land species such dogs seem to have lived as deer can be identified. mainly on fish, according to recent experimental results. way of life, however,

sites at Star Carr and Seamer Carr near by, just inland from with a Mesolithic hunting and fishing community which seems to have commuted hunting camp on the edge of a small lake inland.

New tests have measured the ratio of stable carbon sotopes (Carbon-12 and Carbon-13) in the dogs' remains, some of which were recovered by Professor Grahame Clark at Star Carr in 1949-51, and the others at Seamer Carr by Mr Richard Schadla-Hall in 1985.

Anatomical study of the bones suggests that they could even come from the same animal: the remains "could have drifted across the one kilometre of open water that separated the sites, or they could have been dispersed by another carnivore, or even by a human who was making a meal of the neck of the dog." Dr Juliet Clutton-Brock and Dr Nanna Noe-Nygaard sug-gest. It is more likely, however, that the Mesolithic hunters kept dogs in some numbers and that they would have been very inbred and shown very little variation in

their bodily proportions. Stable carbon and nitrogen isotope ratios differ between marine and terrestrial plants, and hence between the species that eat them: thus humans and other animals that eat fish

Until now, it had been assumed that the red deer The seafood diet was less a hunters of Star Cart had lived matter of preference than a inland and eaten mainly consequence of their masters' venison; although no human remains are known from the The first dogs, apparently site the observation elsewhere domesticated from wolves that people and their dogs (Canis lupus), come from two have similar dietary patterns suggested that these early domesticates could give Scarborough on the Yorkshire information about the coast. They were associated humans they lived among

The isotope ratio for a sample of early dogs from between a coastal base and a inland sites was -21.5 0/00 parts per thousand, while those from coastal sites were -13.8 0/00. Two Seamer Carr dog bones yielded values of -14.67 and -16.97, while comparative material from the Kongemose coastal Mesolithic site in Denmark, some 2,000 years younger, yielded almost identical values.

The data reflect a diet high in marine foods, not far different from that of historic Inuit (Eskimo), the investigators conclude. Clearly the animals did not spend much of their lives inland at Seamer Carr, but were "living near the sea shore and accompanied a group of hunters on their inland expedition to the lake side, where large populations of ruminants could provide the essential resources of skins, antlers and bones as

well as meat". The lakeside camp appears to have been visited throughout the year, on the basis of the killing pattern observed from the deer remains. The earliest dogs thus seem to have been companions of both

hearth and hunt. Source: Journal Archaeological Science 17:

Sotheby's exhibition

Tsars' treasures dazzle London

By Sarah Jane Checkland, art market correspondent

ELIZABETHAN and Stuart of a pair of wine vessels made silver of a like not seen in this in London around 1600. country for centuries, has arrived in London from the has a writhing serpent as a Kremlin museum in Moscow, handle and leaping salafor exhibition at Sotheby's mander as its spout. Marcus

from New Year's Day. Many of the 21 items were presented to Ivan the Terrible and his successors by members of the Muscovy Company in an effort to improve trade and relations between the courts of Russia and England. They were treasured by the tsars in a way unfamiliar to us pawnbrokers in the West, who had a habit of melting silver

rearing silver-gilt snow leop- taken free of charge by the ard. three feet high, and London company, Gander & weighing five stone. it is one White.

A great water pot of 1604 Linell, the organiser, said: "In size, grandeur and quality of craftsmanship, many of the pieces are beyond comparison in the rest of the world." Sotheby's has been clever

with its sponsorship, persuading Lloyd's of London and Ingosstrakh, the Russian international insurance company, to share the insurance liability and British Airways to handle the freight. Packing, in bespoke boxes lined with The biggest item among the foam cut to the exact shapes of flagons, dishes and cups is a the contents, has been under-

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ppointments

The Rev Vivienne C Aggett, Parish Deacon, Binley, diocese of Coventry: to be Resident Minister, Henesford St Saviour (for an initial period of five years), diocese of Lichfield. The Rev Albert E Atkinson,

Priest-in-charge, Kirkby Malzeard with Greweithorpe and Mickley, and Dalloweill and Fountains, diocese of Ripon: to be Rector, The Foun-tains group, same diocese. The Rev Paul J Bennett, Curate, St Peter, Henleaze, diocese of Bristol: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Swindon, diocese of Bristol.

The Rev William E L Broad,

Priest-in-charge, Mayland and Steeple, diocese of Chelmsford:

to be Vicar, Blackhall St Andrew, diocese of Durham,

The Rev Donald P Brockbank.

Team Vicar in the Priory parish.

Birkenhead, diocese of Chester: Newbold), diocese of Man-to be also Urban Officer, same chester: to be Vicar, St Stephen, The Rev Howard J Crellin,

formerly Rector, Theydon Garnon, diocese of Chelmsford: to be Priest-in-charge, the united benefice of Whatfield with Semer, Nedging and Naughton, diocese of St Edmundsbury and The Rev Alan F Creber, Assis-

tant Curate, Rickerscote, di-ocese of Lichfield to be Vicar, Great Wyrley, same diocese. The Rev Thomas A Davison. Priest-in-charge, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek and Bridgerule, diocese of Exeter: to be Priest--charge, Otterton and Colaton Raleigh, same diocese. The Rev Canon Ronald Diss. Vicar, Maybush, diocese of Winchester: to be Rector, mantle, same diocese. The Rev Roger Dixon, Team Vicar, Rochdale team (St Peter,

Audenshaw, same diocese. The Rev Bruce L Driver, Vicar, Rickmansworth, diocese of St Albans: to be also Rural Dean of Rickmansworth, same diocese. The Rev Peter W Dyson, Priest-in-charge. Brislington, St Luke, diocese of Bristol: to be Vicar, The Bourne, St Thomas-on-the-Bourne, diocese of Guildford. The Rev Pameia Fawcest, formerly Honorary Assistant Cu-rate, Stiffkey with Cockthorpe, Marston, Langham and Binham, diocese of Norwich: 10 be Honorary Assistant Minister, deanery of Repps, same diocese. The Rev Eric Franklin, Vice-Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford: to be Director of Studies, St Stephen's House, Oxford. The Rev Alan P Harper, Assistant Curate, Newport with Longford and Chetwynd, di-

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Iwo-point cut in bank rate 'could revive house prices'

By Christopher Warman, property correspondent

A CUT in interest rates by 2 points in the next few months could signal a recovery in the housing market and an increase in house prices of 5 per cent by the end of 1991, the Halifax Building South 1888. Halifax Building Society pre-dicts in its annual review of the housing market published

little variation in the regions in the North, where prices in the next two or three years.

During 1992 and 1993, house prices will probably continue to rise, perhaps by between 5 per cent of the probably continue to rise, perhaps by between 5 per cent of the probably continued to rise in 1989 while they were falling in the south, they still rose by about 5 per cent

ative of a healthy housing the South, but the slowdown to buy and sell houses when North and prices were they wish to, neither being marginally lower at the end of pressured to buy quickly the year. Because Scotland did because of boom conditions not experience the sharp rises nor being unable to sell of the English boom, the because of the consequent

have toppled in parts of the country particularity particularity particularity particularity. "bust"," a spokesman said. country, particularly the south of England, for the first time For the UK as a whole, however, house prices are not markedly worse than in the recessions of the mid-1970s the second world war. The gap in prices between the regions has narrowed. For much of the post-war period, for example, prices in Greater London were between 1.6 and and early 1980s. Real declines of 10 to 15 per cent have taken place in the past year, similar to the 1974-5 period and only slightly worse than 1980-2.

For housebuilders, however, the situation has been about 130,000 houses have were cushioned by the big the gap over the next few number of houses built in the months but, in Northern Ireauthorities and housing associations is unlikely to be much more than 20,000.

Meanwhile, house-owners have seen mortgage interest Professor James Morrell has tax relief steadily eroded in predicted that house prices ceiling. The present £30,000 in 1992, followed by slower limit would be about £140,000 growth in 1993. if it had been indexed since The accompanying table 1974 and £65,000 if its 1983 shows that 1990 saw reduc-

value had been maintained. boosts the after-mortgage in- though there is a a

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15-20 per cent down from the 1988 peak in East Anglia and the South-East, while most The recovery will be led from the South, but the Halifax believes there will be prices moved northwards, but

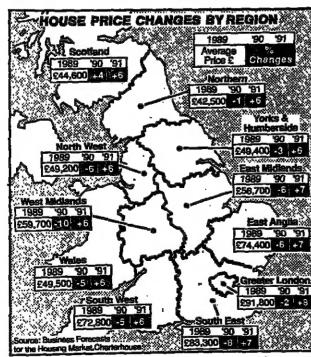
The Midlands and Wales Such a situation is indic- avoided the sharp decline of market with people being able there preceded that of the slowdown was also less pronounced, with house prices

As a result of the changes in regional house price inflation, the gap in prices between the 1.8 times more than those in Yorkshire and Humberside. In the 1988 boom, the gap widened to 2.7 times, but is now back to 1.7 times.

Only in Scotland and Northern Ireland are prices very grim. In 1990, only still somewhat below their "normal" levels relative to the been started in the private rest of the United Kingdom. sector, compared with The continued strength of the 220,000 in 1988. In previous Scottish market could well recessions, housebuilders imply a further narrowing of public sector but, in 1990, the land, prices are little over half total being built by local the UK average and show few signs of catching up.

Meanwhile, in Business Forecasts for the Housing Market, published recently will rise by 7 per cent next year real terms by the government's refusal to index the and by more than 11 per cent

alue had been maintained. tions in house prices every-Nonetheless, the relief still where except Scotland, alcome of many homeowners, variation across Britain. For At the basic rate, taxpayers next year, the predicted in-benefit by an average of £90 a creases are much less varied, month with mortgage rates at 14.5 per cent, while higher-rate taxpayers benefit by a East, East Anglia and east further £55 a month. "We Midlands — expected to show would not want to see major slightly larger increases.



Merger talks start on 'super union'

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

creation of Britain's biggest
Labour party, Nalgo is not.
The thought of losing its union, which aims to have the resources and expertise to traditional position as Brit-

new "super union" will be create a merger that would second in size within the EC form a two-million strong only to the German metal workers union and topple the Transport and General Workers' union from the position it exercise

Public Employees, the National and Local Government environmental issues. Nor-Officers' Association and the Confederation of Health Ser- of the TUC, said yesterday he vice Employees, will create a feared political motives lay lefist-led 1,607,000-member behind the omission in the power block with formidable recent white paper, This Compolitical and bargaining pow- mon Inheritance, of ways in ers. One real difficulty which employees and trade confronting the merger strategists is that while Nupe and the environment

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stand up to multi-national ain's biggest union may companies once the trade barriers come down in Europe in 1992. If the merger succeeds, the Science and Finance union to

☐ The TUC is to press the has held for years.

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Moving expectations: an employee at the Halifax Property Services office covering Blackheath and Charlton, southeast London, takes telephone enquiries and awaits a revival of the housing market after a two-year slump

Borrowing | Police talk could 'ease plight of homeless'

MORE than 8,000 homeless families could move out of bed and breakfast accom-modation and into permanent homes if the government allowed local councils to borrow more money to build or buy properties, the London Housing Unit says in a new year message published today (Christopher Warman writes). Councils would need to borrow about £624 million to move all the families in bed and breakfast accommodation in London into new homes. the unit estimates. That sum would be "a fraction of the £66 billion that home-owners borrowed last year".

In 1990, although 12.000 homeless families were boused in cheaper, privately leased properties, the number in bed and breakfast places reached a record of over 8.000. The unit says that, in 1989. London councils started work on just over 1,000 homes, compared with 13,000 in 1979. Over the past decade,

they boused about 608,000 bomeless people. Before Christmas, the government announced a £96 million programme designed to take the homeless off the streets of London and give them somewhere to sleep.

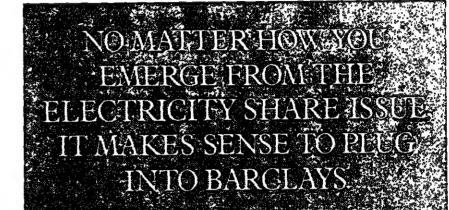
to mother in canal tragedy

THE parents of three children who drowned in a canal lock were being comforted by relatives yesterday after police had interviewed the mother about the tragedy

(David Young writes). Suzanne Vazquez and her husband, Carlos, were treated for shock after the accident on Thursday at Southcote lock on the Kennet and Avon Canal at Burghfield, near Reading, Berkshire. It is believed that Mrs Vazquez was carrying her seven-month-old baby. Craig. as she walked along the canal bank with her daughters. Claire, aged six, and Carla. aged eight. The girls slipped and fell into the water and their mother lost hold of her baby as she tried to save them. Mrs Vazquez, of Tilehurst, Reading, was taken to hos-

pital. Police found her husband fishing beside another waterway in the Reading area and took him to her bedside. Superintendent Michael Page said that detectives had

interviewed Mrs Vazquez, but would need to speak to her again. "The mother was apparently the only witness to the event and we shall be going over the circumstances with her in detail when she is



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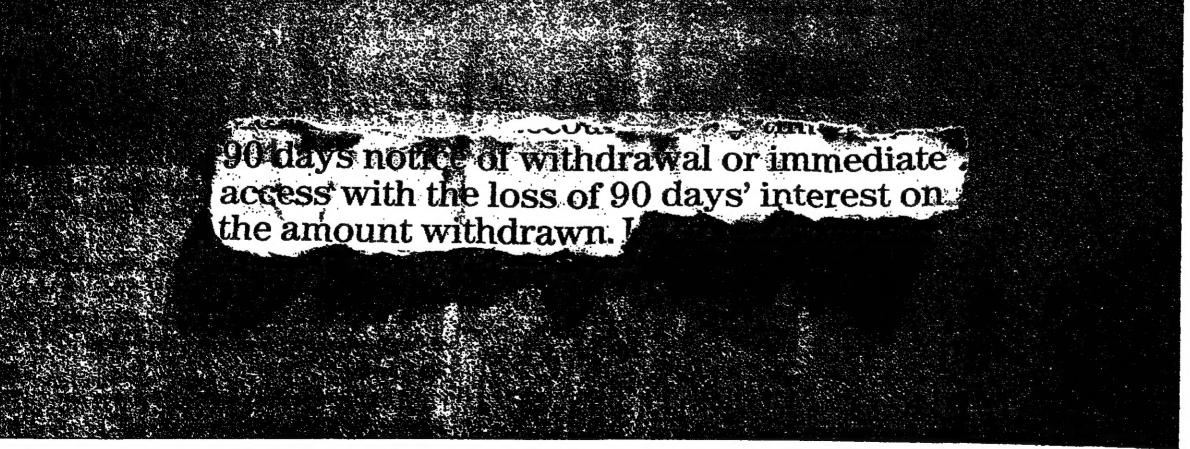
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East joins West in effort to outlaw chemical weapons

By MICHAEL KNIPE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE will increase in centrated and the political controls against the prolifera-the new year for international situation is most unstable. agreement on an effective heightened by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and concern has contacts which they hope will spread from Western governments to those of the former curb the menace. communist East European

The proliferation of such weapons is getting worse, partly because Iraq has broken iong-standing taboos against their use, the sources say. Union and Iraq - have to combai it. acknowledged having chemical weapons, another 20 are ments are expected in the new believed either to have or be seeking to acquire them. The danger is greatest in the Mid- Australia group, which meets dle East, where many of the 20 twice a year in Paris to

With proliferation of such convention banning the pro-duction of chemical weapons, international concern. Westweapons causing increasing stantial steps in extending according to sources in White- ern and East European gov- communist states were taken hall. The urgency has been criments have begun con- in London when delegations structing a web of official

enable them to control if not

it is the first such collaboration, and Western officials are greatly encouraged by the response of East European governments which, the share the West's perception of Although only three countries the threat and have dem-- the United States, the Soviet onstrated their determination

The East European governyear to seek membership of an informal forum known as the suspect countries are con- harmonise national export

such a comprehensive ban is achieved. Western governments are continuing their piecemeal efforts to restrict the export of the ingredients of such weapons. The six who are expected to

ernment controls are Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Po-land, Romania and Yugo-

Last month the first sub-

Western links to the former

from 26 countries agreed to

collate lists of up to fifty

chemical substanstances sub-

ject to export controls. The

aim is to harmonise lists and

impose stricter enforcement

on the materials and technol-

ogies involved in the manu-

Curbing proliferation is

made more difficult by the

complexities of controlling

substances which often have

legitimate peaceful uses, par-

ticularly in developing coun-

tries. Furthermore, the more

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The problems of verifica-tion are formidable and, until

the easier they are to hide.

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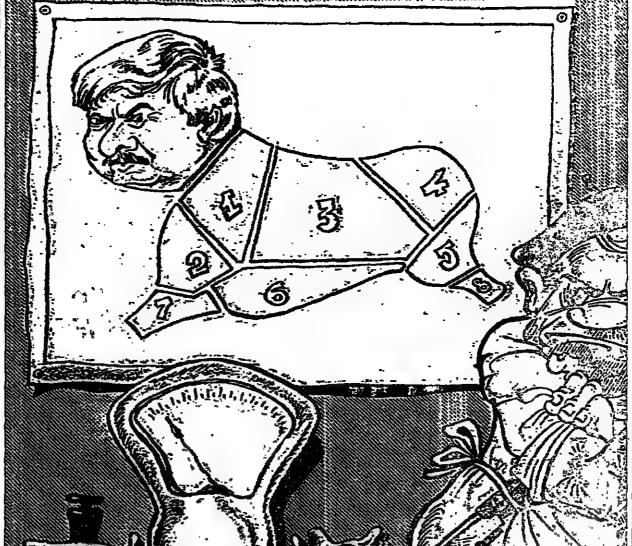
The Soviet Union and America agreed in June to reduce their stocks of chemical weapons. Britain, which neither produces nor possesses chemical weapons, has played a leading part in extending controls over the export of their precursors and the related technology.

But export controls only buy time and increase the cost acquiring an offensive chemical weapons capability, said one official. They could not stop a determined country from obtaining such a capability. There is concern, too, that terrorist groups could get hold of chemical weapons.

In a study for the Research Institute for the Study of Conflict and Terrorism, Frank Barnaby, a specialist in mili-tary technology, said it would be virtually impossible to prevent terrorists setting hold of the chemicals needed to produce large quantities of DETVE DAS.

The most dangerous of the chemical agents required, he said, was Tabun because of the ease with which it could be

"Anvone who can bandle chemicals reasonably competently can make Tabun, said Mr Barnaby."No very special chemical apparatus is needed. A competent chemist could be hired if necessary by a terrorst group. Only a fraction of a litre of nerve agent would be needed to give such an organisation an enormous killing power," he said.



Racketeers foil Soviet 'Thatcher'

From Bruce Clark in Moscow

GAVRIIL Popov, the econ-omics professor who is mayor diverted or stolen before it price of meat had doubled in forbidding interference in

of Moscow, reportedly del- reaches the state stores; but

As Komsomolskaya Pravda pointed out in an investigative "the young Margaret That- markets appear to the uncher" must surely be dis- trained eye to be flourishing as council decided to ban the sale appointing his mentor with never before, in contrast to the of meat for more than 15 the dirigiste spirit in which the desolate state-owned shops. roubles a kilo. The Rizhsky city council is attempting to But, the liberal daily added, solve the meat shortage. Its Moscow must be one of the efforts are concerned not with few places where apparent

Rushdie makes direct plea

to Iran on death sentence

six months to 30 roubles (£30) transactions state price.

Margaret Thatcher would the racketeers who control the existing 33 markets by openine another 33; but the city market, a buge bazaar in northern Moscow controlled by racketeers, refused to en-

ultimate humiliation by a

liberal intellectual who

thought he could take on the

power of Islam, a faith which,

even in its mildest interprets-

tions has never been kind to

those offspring who have turned their backs on it.

As a belated discovery that

Islam was superior to all other

price of meat had doubled in forbidding interference in

The police department which "combats the theft of presumably have tried to beat socialist property" objected on the same grounds to having to enforce the decree.

So the directors of the Rizhsky and two other markets which refused to comply were sacked at the council's behest. The result is that some markets are making a fair show of enforcing the decree, but a well-bribed butcher can ensure that any meat sold at official prices is full of bone.

Nobody has suggested the free market solution of simultaneously facilitating supply, attacking monopolies and decontrolling prices. But that may have as much to do with the psychology of Mr Popov's voters as with his own deviations from Thatcherism. A genuinely free market in meat would still leave the price at eight or nine roubles a kilo, which would still be very expensive for most people. And there are Soviet as well as Western observers who believe that many a Muscovite will be less aggrieved by empty shop shelves, relieved by the occasional treat off the back of a lorry, than by a steady supply of food at high prices.

Ravaging a dream, page 10

Czechs move to free

government brought into cifect its first cautious move towards freeing prices and exchange rates (a Corres-pondent writes).

The package of reforms marks the first step in the internal convertibility of the crown, in preparation for its entry on to world markets. Vaciav Klaus, the finance

minister, abolished the unfavourable business rate of exchange of the crown against foreign currencies, increasing its real value by 17 per cent. After consultations with the International Monetary Fund, he reluctantly agreed to retain state control of certain prices to guard against high inflation.

Russian ripper

Moscow - Police in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don have arrested a man suspected of sexually abusing and murdering more than 30 women and young girls since 1982. The suspect was described as "a very good family man" with a university education. (Reuter)

King undaunted

Geneva - King Michael of Romania, undaunted by his expulsion from his native land on Wednesday, said he wanted to return as a free citizen and would like to to become constitutional monarch again. (Rester)

Heart trouble

Avignon — Georges Marchais. the French communist leader aged 70. left hospital after treatment for heart trouble and rejected any suggestion of returing. He walked out of hospital unaided. (Reuter)

Albanians flee

Ioannina — Nearly 600 Albanians have braved machinegun fire and trekked through heavy snow this month to flee to Greece. The refugees are mostly from the large ethnic Greek community in southern Albania. (Reuter)

New dinar rate

Belgrade - The Yugoslavian government is to devalue the dinar by 22.2 per cent against the mark to try to boost the country's crippled economy. Ante Markovic, the prime minister, said the exchange rate would be nine dinars to one mark, instead of seven. (Reuter)

Hope honoured

New York - A proposed family history centre at Ellis Island, through which 17 million immigrants entered the United States, is to be named after Bob Hope, the comedian aged 87, who passed through Ellis Island as a British immigrant aged four. (AFP)

America doubles Gulf marines

From A Correspondent in DUBAL

They are expecting about western United States for 25

The task force has now total number of combat ma- stretches of shoreline. rines on station in the Gulf to around 17,000, are scheduled to arrive on January 15 - the Nations for the Iraqis to pull

Senior officers say they will be ready to go into action immediately if necessary.

American officers refuse to ities should break out, but attack. they say that there are no seaborne invasion.

That means that the American command will have doubled at a stroke the number of Kuwaiti beaches it could at-

tack simultaneously. surveillance devices have deployed in the Gulf, but their been trying to establish which numbers are also expected to beaches and islands along the double when the additional Kuwaiti coastline present the amphibious task force arrives.

AMERICAN commanders are most attractive targets. The doubling the numbers of their extra forces will give commarines in the Gulf, appar- manders the option of launchently in preparation for a ingattacks along a wide front. series of landings on the under cover of squadrons of Harrier jump-jets.

But the increase in the 9,000 extra combat marines to numbers of marines also has arrive in the region on board a implications for the Iraqis' 13-ship amphibious task defences along the Saudi borforce, which they are describ- der. The only practical reing as the biggest to leave the sponse to the threat of longrange "over the horizon" assaults in strength from 40 or 50 miles out at sea - the sort arrived at the Subic Bay base of operation in which the in the Philippines, and the Marine corps specialises - is extra men, who will bring the massive defences along long

An initial assault is likely to come from marines flown into action on helicopters and deadline set by the United hovercraft, with more forces and heavy equipment following on board landing craft to secure the ground. Harrier pilots have been flying daily training missions over the last few months, practising the comment in detail on the role close support role they would of the Marine Corps if hostil- have to carry out in case of an

They have been flying at plans to alter their traditional altitudes from 40,000 ft down task of establishing beach to about 200 ft, over sea and desert, by day and by night, in addition to their part in largescale set pieces, such as the recent "Imminent Thunder" landing exercises.

Senior officers refuse to discuss the exact strength of American spy satellites and the seaborne Harrier force

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By HAZRIR TEIMOURIAN SALMAN Rushdie, the autresult of giving up Islam". more important than his thor who says he has embraced the Islamic faith, had had plenty of time to publication of The Satanic yesterday made a direct appeal think and he had discovered Verses in paperback form.

of his work and to lift the faith. Asked what he would say to his supporters who now ac-

At the suggestion of the Islamic Society for Religious Tolerance, a group of moderate Muslim activists who were apparently instrumental in the author's drastic change of mind. Rushdie gave a seven-minute interview to the Persian section of the BBC World Service, to which millions of Iranians listen

death sentence that Avatollah

Khomeini placed on him last

He expressed regret that Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, had not accepted his conversion and had confirmed his predecessor's death sentence. But the author said he was hopeful that the "trend towards understanding". that his affirmation of Islam had started would spread to Iran, whose inhabitants he described as a "logical

He said that the remarks in his novel, The Satanic Verses, that offended Muslims were only "the remarks of a charac-



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death threats, he said that he conversion to Islam is far

faiths and intellectual systems he knew of, Rushdie's conver-

Khamenei: upholds the

would not describe his action as surrender. It was the result of discovering new principles. In his struggle to make peace with his would-be assassins. Rushdie's statement of

sion will not, however, be believed by too many people. For the past two years he has been under duress, and the world reserves judgment on all decisions made under Apparently Rushdie has

still not realised that, for Iran, he is a mere pawn in the greater struggle with the West Tehran interpreted his recent appearance in a London bookshop as proof of the British government's belief in the superiority of Western ways. Rushdie has disappointed

millions of his admirers everywhere who thought him a champion of free speech.

Algeria's ban on French causes outrage in Paris

intolerance".

The conservative Le Figuro

accused the ruling Algerian

National Liberation Front of living in the past: "One pre-

tends, on the other side of the

Mediterranean, to forget that

A DECISION by the Algerian parliament to ban the use of French in government, commerce and education prompted outrage in France vesterday in what was widely seen as a blow to national

"Some consider this law as an unprecedented offensive against the French language," Le Monde said. Alain Decaux, the minister

for Francophone affairs, urged Algerians to reverse the decision. "To withdraw one language from peoples whose history has led them to have two is to impoverish them." he said. "I address myself to (Algerian) men and women who care about using French. Measures taken to deprive the citizen of an advantage in international life are not progressive."

President Mitterrand's goverament has made the spread of the French language a question of honour. A foreign ministry spokesman in Paris

said the new law was "an 1962. Twenty-eight is not nothing If the French laninternal Algerian matter", but guage lives, it is because it added that France "remained attentive to everything that involved the French language corresponds to something, it responds to needs." and the use of French around Le Figaro's front-page edi-

torial said the government of the world". Paris newspapers took com-President Chadli Benjedid fort from a demonstration on had wanted "to offer : Thursday by about 500,000 spectacular concession to the people in Algiers to protest against the law for "the Islamic fundamentalists". who won Algeria's first generalisation of the Arab nationwide multi-party eleclanguage" that was passed on tions last June. Wednesday by the Algerian The French media

parliament.
"The law on Arabisation plauded the moderate Algerian leader, Hocine Ait has unleashed the anger of the Ahmed, the head of the Front of Socialist Forces party, who people," said the popular evening paper France-Soir. The inspired the demonstration in left-wing daily Liberation had a front page headline; "Al-Algiers, Official Algerian media have accused him of being geria, the streets defy the a pawn of France.

Many of the demonstrators were members of Algerian Berber tribes, who evidently are as worried about the future of their own indigenous language as about that of French. Berbers make up about one independence dates from third of the population.

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America joins battle against opium growing in Laos

TURBANED women sit in little stalls near the market place beneath a faded sign extolling brotherly relations between the Vietnamese and Laotian armies. They hold small violin-shaped scales and produce dark brownblack sticky opium from their handbags. The drug is measured in fingertips — about 600 Lao kip (just under 50p) for a plug about half an inch long on the little finger, or 1,000 kip on the thumb.

"This is good-quality phin," the woman from the Hmong hill tribe, traditional growers of phin, as opium is known in much of South-east Asia, tells what she believes to be a prospective buyer. A fresh-faced girl holds out a similar fistful of this product of the poppy. "How much would you like?" she asks.

The Hmong minority people trek into this provincial capital on the Plain of Jars in north-

villages overlooking the 4,500ft high plateau. Here sit the more than a hundred sandstone jars, upwards of 6 ft high and thought to date from the first century BC, which give the plain

This was the main locale for

the American "secret war" against the communist Pathet Lao and their North Vietnamese allies in the late 1960s and early 1970s. American and North Vietnamese-backed armies fought to and fro across the plain and Xieng Khouang city changed hands several times, being virtually obliterated in the process. This was not an infiltration route into south Vietnam, as was the Ho Chi Minh trail but, like the trail, the Plain of Jars and the surrounding mountains became one of the most heavily bombed regions on earth because they Despite efforts to get the Hmong people on the war-torn

Plain of Jars to turn their skills to other crops, James Pringle finds that Laos is still the world's third largest producer of

the opium which provides the West with much of its heroin

guarded the road to Vientiane, the government capital, and Lizang Prahang, the royal capital. Enormous craters from \$52 carpet bombing still stretch as far as

the eye can see. Nowadays most Hmong deal in vegetables in the markets. A few sell opium, although not in commercial quantities. But US narcotics-control sources say a lot of Lactian opium is refined into heroin in illicit laboratories. Last year, they add, Laos was the world's third largest producer of opium, with 380 tonnes. Dip-

they believe production this year will be down to 275 tonnes.

The communist government in Vientiane used to pretend that opium production was not a problem in Laos, but is now frank about the issue. America believes progress has been made, although an American government report early this year alleged that "a number of Lao military and government officials actively encourage and facilitate the trafficking of heroin", a charge denied by the officials.

The United States is co-operating in a £4.5 million programme of crop substitution. The idea is to persuade the hill tribes to keep cattle and grow rice and beans

instead of the drug. The Lactian government must tread warily with the hill people. Because they make up less than half the population, they have in the past felt discriminated against by the lowland Lactions, who in effect run the country.

A sporadic Hmong insurgency backed by Vang Pao still flickers in the mountains; the direct road to Vientiane from here is unsafe, locals say. "The Hmong have been cultivating opium for well

cash-crop and a way of life for. Vougphet Xaykeryachongton, a ruling Lac People's Revolutionary party central committee member, said in Luang Prabang, the former royal capital. One of the highest ranking Hmong, he added: "The government will try to change the Hmong way of life by giving them more opportunity to raise cattle and eventually plant coffee and other crops. The Hmong agree to grow other crops but say they don't have roads to get them to

in road-building." Ultimately, he says, the prob-lem can be eliminated only if there is no demand for beroin in

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America or other countries. In Nong Hen, a Hmong village of 233 people, where the women puff on tobacco pipes and wear a

mixture of traditional hill-tribe

over a hundred years - it's their garb and fake brand-name exercise suits from Thailand, a local official, Chia Kuo Mua, aged 47, says: "The village grows only a little opium for our own consumption - we still have four

or five smokers here." Mr Chia, who has two wives and 12 children, takes a visitor on a tour of the village.

Everywhere American bomb and shell casings are part of the architecture. "We are very poor," he says. "We need a fish pond, an imigation system and a microhydroelectric station but we have no money."

During the war, he said, the hill above the village was so heavily bombed that it was reduced by 10st in height, there had been anti-aircraft guns on it, he said. "There are still some Vang Pao supporters hiding in the forest," he said, adding: "But they don't give us any trouble."

Plea for aid as Africa teeters on brink of a widespread famine

SUB-Saharan Africa is facing faruine on an unprecedented scale and will need substantial increases in food aid in 1991, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation said yesterday.

Issuing its urgent appeal for food aid, the agency urged the developed countries not to let domestic economic constraints and concern for the problems of eastern Europe divert attention from the food needs of millions of

Detailed estimates of next year's aid requirements have not yet been completed, but the famine warning is based on data gathered by crop assessment missions which have visited the worst-

The agency warned that widespread loss of life would be

World aid agencies brace for disaster

JUST before Christmas John Magrath, a spokesman for Oxfam. received a telex from a worker in the Ethiopian province of Eritres. It said: "Terrible drought. Animals dying. People already on the move.

A million people died in the Horn of Africa six years ago before the international community began to mobilise relief. Now the famine looks as though it may be ten times worse if immediate action is not taken.

"In a couple of months this place will be hell," said Tamret Haile Maskal, a senior ministry of agriculture official who has just seen the state of the main sorghum crop in Negewo. Two Oxfam workers, John Wilding and Trish Silkin, said there was near total crop failure in Eritrea. "There is a complete lack of grazing, and livestock is in a terrible position. Water levels have fallen below the bottom of many wells," they said.

Political turmoil is exacerbating the position as millions flee both war and famine. The Islamic military government in Sudan has blocked aid intended for the hungry in the rebellious south. There is also growing evidence that food has been sent to Iraq in return for ammunition and arms to prosecute the war against the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army. A year ago Sudan had a million tonnes of grain in reserve, equivalent to four months national consumption. This has now

disappeared. The Sudanese government only recently conceded that there is a food problem. It denies, however, that Sudan faces famine, calling it instead a manageable food shortage. Across the border the Ethiopian government has been accused of bombing the port of Massawa, which is held by the rebel Eritrean Front but is urgently needed as a distribution centre for supplies.

Hjoe Devries, of World Vision, said of a Mozambique village he visited: "When we first landed here most people were lying in their huts just dying. The cemetery was the only place with moving people, crawling, slowly digging graves and burying piles of bodies. It dawned on us there was a major

Nicholas Hinto, director of Save the Children, said: "It is not a question of one being more important than the other. What would be tragic is the one overshadowing the other. Sudan and Ethiopia face devastating crop failure. In the Soviet Linion the real problem is not so much one of shortage as the management of political and economic transinevitable in parts of Sudan and Ethiopia unless nearly two million tonnes of food aid arrives next year. Only 2.7 million tonnes of food aid were delivered to sub-Saharan Africa in 1989/90, com-

the director general of the FAO. In southern Africa late rains have delayed cereal planting and yields are likely to be reduced.

The FAO appealed for one million tonnes of food aid for Sudan and 985,000 tonnes for Ethiopia, warning that only early action will avert food shortages and widespread suffering. It said support was also needed for a UNcoordinated programme to deliver 110,000 tonnes of food to Angola, while Mozambique needed food aid already allocated but so far not

Field workers estimate that between five and six million people face starvation in Sudan and the FAO estimates that nearly 4.5 million Ethiopians need emergency relief.

rica director. He put the number in need at around 20 million and said it was not unrealistic to talk in terms of Africa, referring to the American aid programme which rescued the devastated economies of Europe after the Second World War.

The underlying economies of southern Africa were essentially viable, said Mr Bowden. It was therefore worthwhile putting substantial effort into their revitalisation as they were likely to respond well. Both Angola and Mozambique

had been self-sufficient before their civil wars and the improvements in the prospects of ending the fighting were providing good opportunities to supply substantial relief in those two countries.

In Angola signs that the government and the rebels were moving towards a settlement had made it possible, for the first time, to begin providing food for the starving, via "safe corridors" through con-

With the ceasefire in Liberia and peace prospects in Angola, we must seize this opportunity to help," said Mr Bowden.
The Overseas Development

Administration is providing £124,000 to finance the fund's efforts in Liberia for the first six months. Andrew Timpson, a Save the Children programme officer, said that the presence of a West African peace-keeping force had made it possible for the fund to Liberian capital

With a ceasefire in Monrovia holding, more than, 100,000 Liberians had returned there in the past month, he said. The fund would concentrate on providing nutritional and health care and would liaise with an efficient local agency known as Self (Special Emergency Life Food) which had registered a voluntary staff of 250,000. Mr Timpson said there remained a lack of technical expertise, transport facilities and data on the extent of malnutrition outside the capital.

In Angola, Save the Children is undertaking responsibility for distributing food aid in Huambo. one of nine central and southern provinces which are severely affected by the war and the drought. The operation will be under the umbrella of the UN special relief programme for Angola (SRPA) which has received the approval of the government and been accepted

by the rebels. Save the Children will run a transport programme involving the purchase of ten lorries and the setting up of a mechanical workshop, food storage facilities and staff. The estimated cost of the programme is £750,000.



Fruitless toil: a woman breaking up drought-hardened soil at Atsibi, near Wikro in the Tigré province of northern Ethlopia

De Klerk says black violence is serious obstacle to reform

From GAVIN BELLIN CAPE TOWN

A VIOLENT campaign to destroy black town councils has become a serious obstacle to constitutional negotiations, President de Klerk said yesterday. Addressing the annual congress of the Labour Party, a Cape-based Coloured (mixed race) organization, Mr de Klerk expressed dismay over an offensive by groups allied to the African National Congress against township councils deemed to he

vestiges of apartheid.
"In view of our declared commitment to replace the present system of local government by a new and democratic system in which ethnic fragmentation will be avoided, I find these destabilising actions totally unnecessary and illegitimate," he

helped police hunt a gang sus-

pected of the Christmas rape of

said. "They cast serious doubt on the real intentions of those who inflict this unnecessary suffering on innocent people and commu

Several black councillors have been killed, and hundreds have resigned after being subjected to violent intimidation by local

activists. Mr de Klerk also took issue with black leaders who were creating obstacles to negotiations by setting new conditions and ultimatums, and made it clear that his patience was wearing thin. "South Africa cannot wait forever. We want and we need all leaders on board. It will be a grave pity if some of them were to miss the boat." In particu-

iar, he appealed to them to lead

their followers away from chronic political violence plaguing townships in Natal and the Transvas! Blaming others for the vi-

olence merely fans the flames of hatred. Leaders should take responsibility for the violence of their own people. It is a responsibility they cannot escape." Pledging tougher security mea-sures, he said those who persisted with violence would be swept aside by the majority who wanted

In his last public speech of a momentous year, Mr de Klerk spelled out the rationale of his initiatives towards multi-racial democracy. "There is no vacant land left to fight over. There is nothing to be taken or withheld from one another. There is nothing to be destroyed that is not our own. There is, within our borders, no one to conquer and to rule over but ourselves. That is what this process of transformation is all about. We must find ways and means of ruling, not each other, but jointly ourselves."

That said, Mr de Klerk made it clear his National Party intended to remain an influential force.

The standing ovation accorded Mr de Klerk by more than 1,000 delegates was hardly surprising, since he was preaching to a converted minority of conser-vative Coloureds who have been prepared to go along with the tricameral parliamentary system from which blacks are excluded.

But as mixed-race majorettes marched around to the uncertain rhythm of a school brass band, the president beamed his approval. However humble, it was a gesture of support for his dramatic reforms, and he was clearly gratified. | preparation for free elections.

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Reisman and Mr Eichel write:

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Angolan airport bombed

From AGENCIES IN LUANDA

PRESIDENT dos Santos of Angola inspected damage at Luanda's international airport yesterday, hours after a bomb blast ripped through the passenger terminal causing extensive damage and injuring three people.

Officials blamed the explosion, which occurred on Thursday night, on Unita, the Americanbacked rebel group fighting a 15year war against the Soviet-supported MPLA government. Unita has recently stepped up

attacks in and around Luanda. However, Unita promptly denied responsibility and suggested that dissent within MPLA ranks might have led to the explosion. And earlier yesterday, an anonymous telephone caller to the TSF radio station in Lisbon, Portugal, claimed he represented another rebel group which had carried out the bombing.

The caller said he was from the National Front for the Liberation of Angola or FNLA, which was defeated by government forces in the mid-1970s.

The bomb badly damaged the passenger check-in area and destroyed the VIP lounge. Officials estimated the cost of repair at \$1 million (£527,000), but the airport remained operational.

Hopes for peace in Angola have been raised by talks this month between Unita and American, Soviet and Portuguese diplomats. Unita officials are to meet an MPLA delegation in Portugal next month for their sixth meeting this year. The MPLA agreed this month to end one-party rule in

eight teenage girls dragged scream **ETHIOPIA** ing from a Salvation Army boarding school, police said yesterday. SUDAN Gang rape is a constant danger YEMEN Asmara • in Soweto, an overcrowded, crime-ridden black township of more than two million people southwest of Johannesburg. A Salvation Army officer said. ANGOLA DJIBOUTI

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20 to 30 youths smashed their way into Bethany girls' home and school early on Christmas day and

According to the police, they gang-raped eight of the girls, who

abducted nine girls aged between

ANGRY residents of Soweto are now in hospital. The ninth girl is missing. Salvation Army of-ficials said the gang also stole Christmas presents, food and clothes set aside for the 72 girls at the school, some of whom are as young as four.

The thieves returned to steal more goods and smash property on December 26, cutting the school's telephone line and promising to return yet again,

During a sweep of local bars, "the community apprehended three of the youths and they pointed out their friends." Joseph Ngobeni, a Soweto police captain, said. Eight suspects were now detained for questioning.

Attack on Kinsey's sex research triggers new shock waves

Eight held after Soweto

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FOUR decades ago, Alfred Kinsey shocked conservative postwar America with two monumental studies laying bare Americans' sexual behaviour. Now, a book attacking his research methods is

causing new shock waves. The best-selling Kinsey reports, Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male (1948) and Sexual Behaviour in the Human Female (1953), found that variety was the spice of Americans' sex lives, no less than 10 per cent of the population was homosexual, and infants were sexually active. Kinsey's conclusions underpinned the sexual

revolution of the 1960s and still dominate academic discussion of sex. But now, in the age of Aids and the conservative backlash, that orthodoxy is under attack, and the late Kinsey is being expect of fraud.

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A new book charges that the founding father of sexology was biased towards bisexuality and manipulated his results to support his prejudice. And the work, Kinsey, Sex and Fraud: The Indoctrination of a People by Dr Judith Reisman and Edward Eichel, suggests that Kinsey was involved in illegal sexual research with children. "It really looks like Kinsey was

pushing an agenda," said Mr Eichel, a Manhattan psychotherapist. "To me it has two aspects: child sex and bisexuality." Though published by a small press in Louisiana, the book described on the cover by Patrick Buchanan, a right-wing columnist, as "social dynamite" - has caused

"Far out on the grassy knoll of sexology, there is a cult of prochastity researchers who claim that the late Alfred Kinsey was a secret sex criminal, a Dr Mengele who bent his numbers toward the bisexual and the bizarre in a grand conspiracy to queer the nation and usher in an era of free sex with

kids," wrote The Village Voice, the liberal New York weekly. "But what really riles these critics is Kinsey's towering cultural influence," The conservative Washington Times countered: "If their case against Kinsey is true, it ought to castrate much of the sexual liberation industry in the

Dr Reisman and Mr Eichel claim that up to 25 per cent of Kinsey's interview subjects for the male study of 1948 were prison immates and sex offenders. The authors also question Kinsey's method of collecting information about pre-adolescent sexuality.

Kinsey said he collected

radio station not to broadcast a talk programme on the subject,

months to almost 15 years." The Kinsey Institute founded by the pioneer denies the authors' claims, ignoring the book's call for a full investigation.

has only added to the controversy.

course of the project, Kinsey appears to have directed experimental sex research on several bundred children aged two The institute's attempt to stifle the allegations, by asking a local

> Kinsey: research methods come under scrutiny

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pared with the 3.9 million tonnes pledged by donors. But the FAO's early-warning system indicated a sharp increase food aid requirements in 1990/91 compared with levels in the previous year. The combined effects of civil war and drought are

responsible for the famine conditions in Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Sudan and Liberia. But two consecutive years of drought have reduced harvests in all of the countries bordering the Sahelian zone, from Mauritania in the west to Sudan and Ethiopia in the east, said Edouard Saouma,

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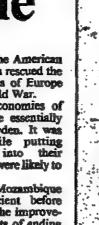
Food aid to the 46 developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa totalled 4.1 million tonnes this year and substantially more will be required next year. The FAO said the international community could help Africa by buying food surpluses from fertile parts of countries such as Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Scnegal and transporting

them to famine-hit areas. Kenya has 200,000 tonnes of maize available for export, and Zimbabwe has so far contracted 400,000 tonnes, but another

50,000 tons are still available. The FAO's assessment is supported by British aid agencies. 1991 is going to be a horrific year because the crisis is wider and the resources sewer," said Mark Bowden, Save the Children's Af-

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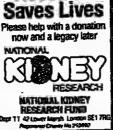
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The moment Howard's name was announced be quitted his Secretaries, and retired with him into a little room, in which there was neither picture nor looking glass. Here Joseph received a man who never bent his knee to, nor kissed the hand of any Monarch; here he heard truths an English Protestant was confined that astonished him, and often did he seize hold of Howard's hand with inexpressible satisfaction and approbation. "You have prisoners," said Howard, "who have been confined in dungeons without seeing day-light for twenty months, who have not yet had a trial, and should they be found innocent, your Majesty ated features, who might pass for a Frenchman. He dressed himself like has it in your power to make compensation for the violated rights of humanity." To the honour of this great Prince, let it be remembered, alterations were made in the prisons

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wide awake at midnight on Monday

aureen Lipman: "We largely manage to do it so as not to insult have to sing 'I saw the old homestead and the faces I love . . . Ringing the old year out and the new year in..., first with ges-tures and words and then with just gestures. This year I am trying to get a piper but have been having a bit of trouble. Generally we wait to see if anyone else is having a New Year's Eve party and if we do not get invited we have one. You can aiways do the depressed new year and say, 'I hate all that enforced jollity'. But that is just another kind of enforcement. Then there is because you're hugging and kissing people you do not know, who might have anything. This is supposed to be a 'come as you were' party. You come dressed as a favourite period in your life. Or an MDL party, those are my initials and they also stand for 'mutton dressed as lamb'. Jack [Rosenthal, her husband] is going in a Navy demob outfit and probably I shall get a Babygro, or go for the Sixties with bags of make-up and earrings. I am hoping to play pass-the-parcel and musical chairs and



maybe I shall ask everybody to play dead hons and go to sleep on the floor, but at our age maybe we shall all go to sleep. I used to play that when the kids were small. It gives you time to take a Nurofen when they are all lying

Shirley Couran: "I don't, I make a point of going to bed very early on New Year's Eve so that I can wake up feeling very virtuous at 5am on New Year's day and make my list of resolutions.

Barbara Cartland: "Speeches. We all make speeches. If you can speak with your family all sniggering at you, the Albert Hall is nothing at all. I am boping my grandchildren will come to me for New Year's Eve - my daughter, Raine, and her husband, Earl Spencer, came for Christmas and we always make speeches with family jokes in them. I am very annoyed that none of my films will be on television on New Year's Eve. As for champagne, we



Night owl: Debbie Moore never has any trouble staying awake on New Year' Eve, or any other night

Lives. I am a night person anyway,

and after a show the adrenalin is

particularly high. On New Year's

Eve after the show I shall be

Jane Asher: "We are not late

stayer-uppers usually, but on New

Year's Eve there should be no

trouble. My brother is over from

America and some other friends

celebrating with a few friends."

have quite enough of that during the day and I do not like to drink too much because of my arthritis."

Jeffrey Archer: "We have no trouble staying up, as we always have a party at the Old Vicarage, fierce competitions and games. We change partners for quizzes, because nobody is allowed to keep with a judge's wife who is very bright and my wife, Mary, ends up with the judge. Mary sets an impossible quiz and the questions she sets are the only problem, not staying awake. The quiz usually ends at midnight and since we are going to spend New Year's day with John Major, I imagine we will not stay up too late."

Paddy Ashdown: "I have no night on New Year's Eve because we always tend to go away to ski after Christmas - I won't tell you where, for love nor money - with a vast crowd, a large collection of Liberal Democrats. Yes, there is such a thing! And there is always a great deal of jollity, and the French certainly keep us awake."

Josa Collins: "I shall have no trouble staying up this year,



let all the children stay up. For my cake shop I have done some wonderful new year's cakes with 1991 bursting out of an old grey 1990. We shall probably just be eating some of our Christmas cake, in the shape of a big

Lady Autonia Fraser: "I shall stay up until midnight playing bridge. It is a very good way to see in the new year - if you win. I do not do it every year, but I shall this."

Christmas tree."

Sir James Savile: "The first half of the evening will be spent at Stoke Mandeville hospital, and the second I'm going to see some friends who are having a New Year's Eve ball at the health farm they run near the hospital. It will be my

because I'll be on stage at the Aktwych until 10.30pm in Private

first try at having a 'normal' New Year's Eve. I'll be changing out of my tracksuit into evening dress, which will give me a chance to

Hunter Davies: "Usually we go to

bed at 10pm but we make a big exception on New Year's Eve and stay up until 10.15pm. We review the family highlights of the year good holidays, somebody passing a driving test - and then we do the family, and world, predictions for the year ahead. If somebody is pregnant, we predict the sex. That sort of thing. And we read the previous year's predictions and check who has got it right. We never predict bad news and we always have a little section called 'topics bugging us at the moment', such as the roof letting in, or why



good looking back at the year past and realising that such things pass. We never thought our daughter Caitlyn would be in Botswana this ear. We keep all the predictions in a folder that used to include the children's weight and height charts, but now that Flora is 18 and has stopped growing and will not reveal her weight we have stopped that. Only Jake will be at home with us this year, I think."

times quite hard to stay awake but because I do not finish my performance of The King and I until 10.30pm and will not have my make-up off until 10.45pm and then I have to decide whether to try to dash back to London to see the new year in with my husband [Eddie Kululundis] or sit in my hotel room watching television, and drinking maybe nothing. I shall not go to sleep, because the adrenalin is too high after a show. I like to be with my husband, but I do not like to be at a big party. I think it is very unpleasant to be in the wrong environment, or to have too much

Debbie Moore: "I never have any trouble staying awake. I am a party person and a night person. I do not leap up early in the morning and start exercising, whatever people might think."

Judge James Pickles; "I have no trouble staying up until midnight and hope to see in this new year with my wife and three children and five grandchildren, and another expected. We shall have champagne if somebody has been kind enough to give me some over Christmas, It is a very ordinary, provincial, way of seeing in the

Zandra Rhodes: "I never go to bed before midnight. But I shall not stay up too late on New Year's Eve because I shall be back at work on New Year's day, I do not approve of these days off. It is bad for the



Dr Wendy Savage: "I shall not be on call, although I have been. This year I shall be in New Zealand. I usually go to a party with friends and have no trouble staying awake. Last year I gave a party with three friends, there was so to feel sleepy. Some years, when have not had a party to go to, have gone to bed early, depressed but not recently.

Delia Smith: "I can tell you how I kept awake last year - sitting and watching Clive James doing the decade, one of the greatest programmes. I normally have trouble staying awake, but this year I am having some friends to dinner. We shall try some recipes from my Christmas book - Stilton soup. goose with prunes in armagnac and sticky toffee pudding. That should keep us awake."

Professor Heinz Wolff: "By and large my wife and I tend not to stay up. I am not a great one for forced festivity to the point that I find Christmas rather a stressful time. I do not know why people do it. For people who lead fairly eventful lives the idea of a boliday is not to have a knees-up. For people with more humdrum lives a change is as good as a rest. For me a rest is as good as a rest."



Wakey, wakey, it's the chain gang

New year revellers sleeping it off in the streets of London will get a rude awakening

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THERE will be no peace on New Year's day for any of the human wreckage left over from the night before in Westminster's streets. From about 8am, revellers in the vicinity of Berkeley Square and Piccadilly can expect to share their concrete and asphalt beds with

some strange guests.
These will include Miss Christmas and the Christmas Children, Henry VIII, the Graunde Order of Guisers, the Batmobile, various clowns and pearly kings and queens, Rani the elephant, the Bearskins, Morris men, Gerry Cottle's circus and comedy car, and many other floats and American marching bands, including the David Crockett high school,

This will be the fifth new year in succession that the Lord Mayor of Westminster's parade has marched from Berkeley Square,

along Piccadilly, up
Regent Street, along
Oxford Street, past
Marble Arch and into Hyde Park, via the Cumberland Gate, be- remember ginning at 12,30pm and ending at around dusk. The parade was instated to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the City of Westminster in 1985, and the momentum shows no sign of abating. Each year there are 85 bands, floats or acts

All this may come as a surprise to those

who did not know that Westminster even had a lord mayor. Recently, the current lord mayor, Councillor David Avery, was at a public ceremony in full regalia. Who are these people?" overheard an American woman ask a policeman. The policeman besitated, unwilling to display ignorance. "They're an old English custom, madam," he said.

The lord mayor most people have heard of is the Lord Mayor of London - who is not, of course, Lord Mayor of London at all. He is Lord Mayor of the City of London, the small patch of dealing rooms and trading floors that corresponds roughly to the area that was once enclosed by London's city walls.

The Lord Mayor of London lives in the Mansion House, a Palladian villa, designed by George Dance the Elder and completed in 1753, with a portico carrying a relief that represents the dignity and opulence of the City. The Lord Mayor of Westminster has a flat at the top of Westminster City Hall, an anonymous 19storey. Sixties office block in Victoria Street.

But the City of London has had a mayor for 800 years and a lord

mayor since the beginning of the 16th century, while Westminster has only had its mayor since 1900, and its lord mayor since 1965.

Councillor Avery is not against. a little friendly rivalry between the two cities, even though he consorts so regularly with the Lord Mayor of London and the mayors of the other London boroughs, that they are known as "the chain

gang".
"In the City," he says, "the business community determines the form of local government. One; couldn't argue that it is an exemplar of modern democracy. He defends Westminster's "opendoor policy", which has always attracted foreigners, while the City's trade protection measures, tended traditionally to exclude

The Lord Mayor of London's takes place, by act of

partiament, on the second Saturday of November, and is based on the prolord mayor had to: swear loyalty to the

panies that are the descendants of the medievai craftsmen's representing trade organisations and finance houses. The theme of this year's

show was: "Moving Ahead: Europe and the 1992 Single

There is a point to the lord to think. The point of the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Parade, according to Councillor Avery, is "just sheer fun". The only "theme" lies in the destination of the money raised for charity: last year it went to clubs for the elderly; this year it will go to provide extras for youth clubs.

"All I have to do," the lord mayor says, "is lead the parade in the coach with Edna [the lady mayoress] and the girls, and wave to the crowds. Then at the grandstand, I stand up and remove my feathered tricorn hat as the floats go by. The only other thing I have to remember is to wear thermal underwear under my mayoral robes."

So save your sympathy instead for Rani the elephant and the parade's other warm-biooded, skimpily-clad and resolutely nontraditional creatures; they will be congregating with the drunks in the cold of Berkeley Square, as you lie snug beneath the blankets at 8am on New Year's day.

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Properties of the land throughout a period of the sea

Events in town THIS WEEKEND

 60th model engineer exhibition: Diamond jubilee year, with model engineers from all over the country exhibiting work. 900 entries in the national model competition in-clude boats, aircraft, trains and military figures. The Great and West Halls, Alexandra Palace, London N22 (081-365 2121). Today until Jan 6, daily 10am to 6pm, Jan 3 extended opening to 8pm. Adult £4.25, child £2.

 Holiday activities at Hampton Court: Today traditional family and team games, many with a Tudor theme. Tomorrow storytelling with Roberto Lagnado, Queen's gallery. Meet in the battery kitchens. Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey (081-977 7222). Today 10.30am and 2pm, tomorrow 1 30pm and 3pm. Admission 50p. plus normal palace admission.

 Winter wonder day: The winter world of animals and plants and visit to the farm. Capel Manor Environmenta Centre, Theobalds Park, En-held (0992 763849), Today 10am to 12 noon, 2pm to 4pm.

 Laserium shows: Laser Fantasies, from the musical version of H G. Wells's "War of the Worlds" and Lase! Trax - rock music and state-of-the-art lasers. The Lasenum at the London Planetanum, Maryle-

Today, tomorrow. Further information (071-486 2242).

 Science Museum Christmas event: Professor Pepper presents a Victorian science lecture and ghost illusion for children, nine and over. Science Museum, Lecture Theatre, Exhibition Road, London SW7. Today until December 31, and Jan 2, 3pm. Tickets free from the

NEXT WEEK

 English silver treesures at the Kremiin: Rare Elizabethan and Stuart silver. Street, London W1. (071-493 8080). Tues to Jan 28, weekdays 10am to 5pm, Sun noon to 5pm. Free.

 Collectors festival: Annual event with more than 100 dealto familiarise herers buying and selling. Royal National Hotel, Bedford Way, London WC1. Tues 8.30am to 5pm. Admission be lore 10am £5, after £1.

spectacular — this year Around the World in 80 Days. The Brighton Centre, King's Road, Engition, East Sussex. Thurs until Jan 27. Information and booking (0273-202881).

• 37th International bost show: All the latest models. from luxury yacrns to sail-Earls Court Exhibition Centre Warwick Road, London SW5, Thurs until Jan 13, Mon to Fri 10am to 7pm, Sat, Sun 10am

to 8pm. Adult £6, child £3. JUDY FROSHAUG Help: Sue Rorstad, maid service

Human clean machine



Poppy appeal: Sue Rorstad with two of her 'ladies' self with your lifestyle. "We might be annoyed if they did to have a one-off job done for

environment," she says, "We discuss exactly what it is you north, closer to £20 in don't just provide a service to want - and how you can a property, we service a cus- economise," Mrs Rorstad tomer, and to do so we need to says. "For example, we'd tell know about your needs and you that there's no point in expectations." paying for a complete clean of Your Poppy, as Mrs your kitchen right before Rorstad calls her employees ("it saves the awkward decision over whether to call

them girls or ladies"), needs to Year's Eve. know whether you are the sort who likes to see her face in the Poppy to clean their children's understand what is needed. kitchen floor, but does not rooms - others feel that children should learn to take tants, even a solicitor, though care if the bedroom floor is littered with clothes and care of their own rooms even magazines. "You might not if there is help in the house." want anyone else to throw Mrs Rorstad, aged 37 and

ton, county Durham, and has a Poppy of her own. whom she pays about £40 a week to do a swift, sixhour blitz. But she is adamant about not discussing rates, since "every job is different and needs to be individually quotedfor". However, she

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like to see you in your own not take such initiatives. We less than £10 an hour in the London" - regular customers pay about half those rates.

A former local government officer, Mrs Rorstad hit on the idea for her business after the birth of her two children. "I you're going to cook Christ-mas lunch." But some might and was looking for a job I find a Poppy useful after New could do from home." she says, "All my franchisees are "Some people like their professional women who We have teachers, accounshe likes to keep it quiet."

VICTORIA MCKEE away your mouldy vegetables the mother of two children, or old newspapers — or you stepmother of three, lives in a head office on 0325 485699 Check the Yellow Pages for

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Team Vicar in the Priory parish. Vicar, Rochdale team (St Peter. ocese of Lichfield: to be Priest- December 31.

and other animals that eat fish 643-634.

Home from home: Mary Ann Pilain

Hogmanay without tears

arrived from France in her husband Jean Jacques' hand baggage along with the firsh herbs. The truffles — 10lb last year — are coming off an Air France flight from Paris with one of their guests.
And the plumber has discovered,
to Mme Pilain's eternal relief, the master switch for the hot water system. There are nightmares and nightmares, but none so terrifying as new year in a 17th century Scottish castle without hot water. And 17 in the house.

By tonight the Aberdeenshire tower house will be what Mme Pilain, a Texan with a doctorate in French history, terms "heaving with Frogs". There will be the Pilains and their partners in Lickleyhead, the Reiners and the Delamarches (including grand-mère), a gaggle of French friends and the sole United Kingdom representative, Adrian Crutwell-

Vaughn.
Mr Crutwell-Vaughn, an old family friend, is dubbed "fetch and carry" by Mme Pilain. He can be entrusted to go out and forage for last minute essentials such as electric blankets and lobsters. He is also the only one capable of explaining the mysteries of British electrical sockets to the disbelieving French.

The Pilains have been leasing Lickleyhead on and off since 1972 from a family of Aberdeenshire Leslies, and two years ago decided to rent it long term with the Delamarches and Reiners. The Pilains and their two teenage children, Guillaume and Charione, spend about two months of the year there. M Pilain recently sold his financial communications business in Paris and can now concentrate on his first love, shooting in Scotland.

"I've learnt a lot in 20 years," Mme Pilain says. "I know when to say 'good shot, darling', when to read my book, and not to say 'oh poor little thing."

This new year the castle is just about the way Mme Pilain wants it. The massive sofa, or rather one of the massive sofas, in the panelled first floor drawing-room has been re-covered in a paleish blue chintz, Norman Stromnach, the painter, has ragged the panelling for a second time - it was too green last time round. The drawing-room chimney, which started to smoke for the first time since

claime of Lickleyhead Castle, is in control. At least so far. The caviar om France in her husa Jacques' hand baggage the fresh herbs. The little fresh them where you want them".

The bathrooms are master-pieces of the plumber's art, from the Twenties onward. Into one 5½ft-diameter turnet has been squeezed a hip bath, a battery of chrome tame a shower, a lavatory chrome taps, a shower, a lavatory and washbasin. Another turret has been turned into a circular shower for the dormitory area in the attic.
It is tiled from floor to roof in the Leslie family crest.

Apart from minor adjustments, such as making sure pairs of chairs have not been split up, anything vital has been handled by Yvonne Nobes, the live-out housekeeper, who will always waitess at dinner parties, although she has been known to pop out between courses at lambing time. "I am not sure it wasn't, perhaps, calves last time we were here," Mme Pilain says.

upplies of lamb, beef, ham and turkey for ten days were ordered from Ernest the butcher in Insch by telephone three weeks ago from the Pilain apartment in Avenue de Villiers, "Ernest has the best beef anywhere," Mone Pilain says, "We get everything we need locally."
The fish van from Macdaff has delivered, among other things, the kippers which M Pilain favours for breakfast. On the day after their arrival Mme Pilain and Mr Crutwell-Vaughn descended upon Willie Low's, the Inverurie supermarket, with a massive grocery list. "It all needs a bit of planning," says Mme Pilain, who keeps track with the aid of what she calls "a critical flowchart" - a French school exercise book.

Helen Forster, the cook, arrived in time for Christmas on the night train from London, with the proviso that she would lift not so much as a butter knife if Mme Pilain had not taped a crucial episode of LA Law. "We think it worked," says Mme Pilain.

On Christmas Eve - which the French celebrate rather than Christmas day - the Pilaina sat down to fole gras, turkey, Christ-mas pudding which had been fed brandy since August and a Texas Christmas cake bulging with pecan nuts. There was a debate between the French and the Scots contingents whether cheese was to be before or after pudding.



French polish: Madame Pilain with family and helpers bring continental style to New Year's Eve

After presents on Christmas day there was brunch. "Bacon, eggs, sausages and my Mexican chilli beans - the powder is from Hernandez grocery in Dallas,"

Mme Pilain says.

The men and, sometimes, the women have been shooting: around the countryside since Boxing Day. Helen, the cook, has moved out to a friend's just down the road to make space for the last intake of French before new year.

Hogmanay is still undecided, particularly as the critical flow-chart has so far failed to confirm the arrival of the fiddlers and

pipers who were such a success last year. "Well, you see, we dance reels, and we are terribly bad of course, but friends who live here keep us right - after a fashion,"

Mme Pilain says.
Even though it is not certain how many will see in the new year at Lickleyhead, the flowchart allows for massive quantities of caviar, smoked salmon and lob-ster. At midnight Auld Lang Syne will be sung and there will be much kissing and handshaking. Last year Lickleybead was "first footed" after midnight by the traditional tall, dark stranger, a

friend of friends, clutching a piece of coal, the source of heat and, therefore, good luck. Much whisky will be drunk. Glendronach or Glengarioch being the local brews. Some first footers will be bringing their own, it being considered polite, although not obligatory, to

exchange drams at new year. "What I would love," Mme Pilain says, "would be a standard for the castle. It would be the finishing touch. How about a frog rampant holding a thirde in one hand and the yellow rose of Texas

ALASTAIR ROBERTSON

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Mutton, turnips and a hash

THIS is my first new year as a farmer. The past nine months feel tike a decade: bardly a minute has passed during which some obscure passed turing winer same doscure agricultural point has not been occupying my mind. But what seemed at the time to be mouseled of indecisive agony fade into insignificance when compared with current anguish. There is always one problem that seems bigger than the last.

Currently, the sheep's dental arrangements are giving me cause for concern. Having sown turnips in the spring, hoed them through the long, hot sum-tuer and watched

flourish and perish as each mean apone: of this Bans way to searing heat, I now find them ready to feed to the sheep. I have on a caleteria basis, simply turning the flock onto the field and telling them to get on with it. Since they had never seen a field of turnips in their short lives, it was ike watching children trying to master the remov-

them alternately

ing of a top from a boiled ear.
First of all they trotted around the field bleating. Then they looked at me, longing for some instant junk-food from a bucket. I stormed off warning them that they had to eat what they were given or starve. The warning was sufficiently sharp for even Flash the sheepdog to look upon the flock with sympathy.

As I have discovered, with farm

animals it is all or nothing. Once the ewes had got the taste for the turnips, the entire field was cleared Except that, on close examination, I can see that the turnips have been gnawed level with the ground but no further. Half of each turnip still lies buried uneaten. I tried my matronly approach and ordered them to dig up and eat their greens. It had no

The question is will the sheep, when hungry, dig down, any farther to remove the other half of the turnip or do I have to go round picking them out one by one,

turning the running buffet into a laborious silver service? I don't

Of course, if it rains it will make the roots looser in the ground, which would be good. But if the land gets too wer, the sheep will ruin it. So I had better hope for a freeze. Except that then the rurnips would be rooted forever and I would have to play waiter again.

I am coming to the conclusion that farming is one long conundrum which is never solved. So I don't make decisions; I gamble When I choose badly I can always claim in mitigation

that it would have worked fine had it not been for the wet/dry/thundery/bot/

cold weather. If this seems like a cowardly way out, I am now of the belief that this is the way farmers have been operating for years. A clue came in a poem sent to me by a Suffork farmer whose mother originally wrote it. May I soffer you these verses both as a memorial to my first pine months as a farmer and a desur hint of

things to come: The Farmer will never be happy He carries his heart in his boots. For either the rain is destroying his

Or the drought is destroying his He will tell you the spring was a For the frost and the cold were that

While what with the heat and the state of the wheat The summer was nearly as bad. The autumn of course is a perma-

neni source Of sorrows as black as your hat. And as for the winter, I don't know Would print his opinion of that.

In fact when you meet this unfortunate man, The conclusion is only too plain.
That Nature is just an elaborate

To annoy again sand again.



THERE is something inescapably THERE is something inescapably daft about rare birds. The names are enough: ancient murrelet, lesser-spotted this, greater-crested that, Audubon's the other. Then there are those whose purpose in life is to pursue such birds: "twitchers"

body loves to chortle at twitchers,

even the twitchers themselves. The trouble is that people think twitching and birding are synonymous. I have heard tales of grannies with hired binoculars sprinting around bird reserves at breakneck speed in pursuit of a rare bird they have been told about. They have somehow got the idea that this is what you are supposed to do when you so birdwatching.

Twitchers enjoy their birds in the way that people who visit all 91 Football League grounds enjoy their footy. Their way is not everyone's way: but twitching is, in all its lunacy, rather admirable. If you compare birders with churchgoers, twitchers are re-

igious maniacs. If you want to succeed as a serious twitcher, you have to see an awful lot of birds. There is an organisation called the UK400 lub. Twenty years ago, a life list of 300 species spotted was remark-

To tick or not to tick; the twitcher's dilemma

Twitchers have become a ludi- able. A few years ago, the first it was considered a thing of wonder. Now there are nearly 200 twitchers with 400-strong life lists. and Ron Johns, the first to pass 400, is still leading with 485. There are 574 birds on the British list, including 15 that have not been seen here for 50 years or more, and 15 oddballs you are not supposed to tick. There are 19 re under consideration for the list. From these figures alone, it is clear that all club members have performed wonders.

Twitching is not a straight-forward business. It is packed with dilemmas. The essential moral dichotomy of twitching is this: what can I tick, and what not?

You cannot tick dead birds. Since many of these extreme farities are sad, wind-blown strays at their last gasp, this is not as silly a restriction as it sounds. You cannot tick escaped cage birds . . . but you can tick the ring-necked parakeet. Escaped parakeets have become viable breeding birds and Feather report

have been admitted to the British list. I have even seen one near Staines, of all places, and another down my road. The thing to do is to write down any escaped birds you see and hope that one day they will be promoted to the official list this is called an "armchair tick". You may find all this ludicrous,

but I haven't started yet.

Lee Evans, very much the twitcher's twitcher with a life list of 471, is the moving spirit of the UK400 Club. He cites a number of contentious birds that turn up on the life lists of most twitchers These are 29 disputed birds of fabulous rarity. The rarer the bird, it seems, the more ludicrous the

Some birds, he thinks, have too great an escape likelihood. Therefore you cannot count Dalmatian pelican, white pelican, marbled duck, demoiselle crane (perish the thought), paint dove, eagle owl, rufous-sided towhee or red-

But this all gets worse. The following birds cannot be counted because their identity is uncertain; white-faced petrel, dark-rumped petrel, soft plumaged petrel, westem sandpiper and Blyth's pipet. Some of these references, by the way, are to specific sightings, or alleged sightings, of the bird concerned. Twitching is not supposed to be a simple business.

Never mind: here is a group that Mr Evans says you can tick. They are all possible escapees, but Mr Evans, in mellow mood for once, says: "Until it can be proven beyond doubt that they are escapees, they can be treated as genuine vagrants and thus be considered countable." These inctude greater flamingo, falcated duck, ruddy shelduck, Barrow's goldeneye, hooded merganser, white-headed duck, black vulture (you must be joking), saker falcon, blue rock thrush and indigo

Mr Evens's last group com-

prises birds that crossed the oceans by boat. But hurrah! You can still tick them; northern flicker, northern mockingbird and lark sparrow. But you cannot count the snowy sheathbill. This bird came to England on one of the boats concerned in the Falkheaded bunting. Mr Evans is a lands affray. It was a real wild its way over, and that is enough to disqualify it.

The documents from the UK400 Chat, have a Swiftian ring. and twitt:hers sound too Głubbdubch ibian to be true. However, let me finish with a quotation from Sir Peter Scott, one I have cited before, one which will serve as Ferather Report's seasonal address to the nation, and one which concerns the most rabid twitcher and the person with the most casual interest in birds: "First go out and enjoy wildlife. Then forget the idea that you can't do anything to help save it."

SIMON BARNES

What's allout: Short-toed treecreeper at Dungeness, female two-barred crossbill at Lynford Arboretum in Norfolk; American ring-necked ducks at Romsey, Hants and other areas. Pur more details call Birdline: 0898 70(1222).

● The UK400 Club, 8 Sandycroft Road, Uittle Chalfont, Amersham, Bucking hamshire.

Breeding

Flocks to watch

means tell the whole story of her view of the animal world. In fact, the special admiration of the children's writer was reserved for England's hardiest sheep, the Herdwick. Since the animals graze on

rocky outcrops high among Lakeland's fells, it can be said that Herdwicks reach those parts other sheep cannot each. Poner learns to love Herdwicks when

she moved to the Lake District to write and farm. She kept Herdwicks herself, and the National Trust perpetuates the today, requiring some tenant farmers in the Lakes to in-

clude them among their stock - today there are an estimated 75,000 breeding Herdwicks in the Lakes.
"The breed is kept under

more arduous conditions than black-faced sheep in Scotland," says Geoff Brown, the secretary of the breed society. They rarely receive any supplementary feeding in win-

ter, and perform well." Herdwick meat is extremely good quality, close-grained, almost "gamey" in taste and is often used for royal and state

BEATRIX Potter's tales by no banquets. The wool is not prized. It is not soft and takes dye poorly, although it makes good tweed.

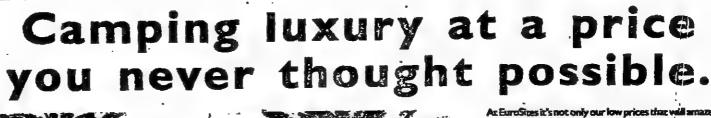
Mr Brown receives enquiries from farmers in Scotland, North Yorkshire and surprisingly, even the lush pastures of the home counties. But it is only in the Lakes that Herdwicks are found in substantial numbers, claiming the highest fells around Buttermere and

Langdale for their

here, proposed government restructuring of subsidies could wipe them out. In August farmers gath-ered at Ambleside Endangered: the to consider the im-

hardy Herdwick proposals. The economics of the average Herdwick farm mean probably 50 per cent of income comes from subsidy payments," Mr Brown says.
"There should be a restructuring to compensate farmers for the landscape, in addition to payments for

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Putting nature on the right line

Alastair Guild meets Paul Knipe, British Rail's first guardian of trackside plants

and wildlife

ritain has a new and rightly recognised national asset, according to Paul Knipe - its railway trackside. "It is a dynamic monument to Victorian and Edwardian engineering, with its bold, practical architecture, avenues of trees, herb-rich banks and wooded slopes," he says.

British Rail's appointment of Mr Knipe, a biologist, aged 34, as its first vegetation management consultant is a recognition of the railways' contribution to Britain's landscape, and to train passengers' enjoyment of their journey.

Mr Krupe's country is all Southern Region's track, from Kent to Dorset. "The first priority must be Dorset. "The first priority must be to reduce the risk of derailment by falling trees or slippage on leaf-covered tracks," he says. There are 60,000 large trees adjacent to Southern Region track. But in the process of thinning and planting, Mr Knipe expects to open up new vistas, to "screen industrial or urban development, and to conurban development, and to con-serve sites of ecological

For the past three years, he has been project officer for trackside vegetation along Hampshire's 220 miles of track, an estate of some 1,500 acres. He has supervised removal, flailing, coppicing and planting. A nursery of native trees, shrubs and flowers was started two and 24 bacteer crossings were installed on the Southampton-Portsmouth line, with fencing designed to funnel the animals

The Institute of Terresmial Ecology carried out a national survey of Britain's 75,000 acres of railway trackside in 1984, and recorded more than 2,000 species of plants and 181 sites of biological interest.

"In the summer, railway banks are ablaze with the colour of meadow flowers, in the autumn they are covered with the purple haze of heather, while in the spring flashes of yellow advertise primroses growing under hazel cat-kins," Mr Knipe asys. "Sections of track are lined with avenues of trees and many branch lines take on the appearance of a sheltered.

This network acts as a refuge



Return ticket: Paul Knipe plans to plant and conserve to screen ugly industrial development and to open up new vistas for the pleasure of pass

and a corridor for the movement of wildlife." The secluded banks are easy digging for foxes, rabbits and badgers, while in summer, lizards and grass snakes bask on the rocky ballast. Fallow and roe deer are also to be seen.

Embankment scrub provides ideal nesting cover for warblers, particularly the willow warbler, the blackcap and the chiffchaff, while in trees near Shawford, in Hampshire, nightingales have set up home. Butterflies abound on the Botley line, with hairstreak, elephant hawkworth and chalkhill

"Railway construction involved the movement of phenomenal amounts of rock and soil," Mr Knipe says. Rock dug out during tunnelling and the digging of

cuttings was used to build up embankments further along the line. In Hampshire, the bulk of this was chalk bedrock, creating a linear calcareous strip through the heart of the county.

The high chalk content and the amount of exposed chalk put a break on colonisation by plants, allowing fine grasses and chalk herbaceous species to dominate. Colonists were also slow to take root on river sands and gravels, and the sands of the New Forest and the Surrey heaths. There, acid grassland and associated herbs developed. Fine grasses and herbs initially dominated the railway banks, built up from free-draining soils low in nutrients. Plants are still found which can adapt to prolonged periods of drought.

In the age of steam, fires from red-hot clinker helped keep the grass low and prevent trees from seeding. Some species thrived on this type of regimen, including the rose-bay willowherb, the fireman's lupin and the adder's tongue farn.

For a long time, planned management was by "length gangs", teams of men looking after four miles of track and bank. These were very much countrymen, practising traditional methods of management." They were phased out in the Sixties with the rising cost of labour, and the process of natural succession has ne unchecked as a result. Grassland was slowly invaded by scrub, which, in turn, gave way to hardy species such as hawthorn, sycamore and the alien Japanese

knotweed. Large trees and pollards have become top-heavy and

Plant life on the track ballast is sprayed once every summer with persistant herbicide but some annuals, such as the whitlow grass and American willowherb, seem resistant. The chemicals now used are showing up in drinking water aquifers in amounts harmful to health. Mr Knipe has recommended that BR use more environmentally acceptable

More badger crossings will be provided on new electrification schemes, such as the Tonbridge to Redhill line, "Deer and foxes step over the track quite happily, but badgers, because they are so low slung, tend to get caught," Mr

Knipe says. He is also looking at bat grilles for tunnel facea. A planned programme of track-

management will leave bevegetation which, with regular annual flailing both sides of the track, will not require further maintenance for 15 years. Mr Knipe is working with BR's ancillary gangs to improve their awareness and understanding of nature. He also wants to liaise more closely with wildlife and conservation groups with reserves becking on to the track.

BR could soon extend trackside management to other parts of the network - Western Region and the Midlands could be next. A further nursery has already been established at Gipsy Hill, in south

Country events

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atter dark. Killiow Country Park, near Truro, Cornwall, Today, tomorrow 9.30am-5.30pm; weekdays 9.30am-9.30pm, £1.20 for 50 balls.

 Alton Towers Christmas festival: Short Dickensian show and three ice shows daily. Alton Towers, Staffordshire. Today, tomorrow, Jan 1, 11am-7pm. Park free. Ice shows: adult £5.95, child £4.95 (booking 0538 702200.)

 National Shire Horse Centre: Visitors can see all the horses in their stables, follow a walk trail, visit pets corner. Saddlery, pottery, museum, adventure playground. National Shire Horse Centre

Yealmpton, near Plymouth, Devon (0752 880268). Daily 10amdusk. Adult £1, child 75p.

 Pewsey Vale Christmas cruises: Board a 65ft narrowboat for a cruise on the Kennet and Avon canal. Bar and mince pies. The Lock, Wootton Rivers, Mariborough, Wiltshire. Tomorrow and Jan 1, from 2pm. Adult £2.50, child £1.50, Booking: 0703

 New Year steamings: Last of the mince pie specials at the Midland Railway Centre, Butterley station, Ripley, Derbyshire, tomorrow to Tuesday, 11.30am-4.15pm. Details: 0773 747674. New Year rides at railway centre, Didcot, Oxfordshire, tomorrow until Tuesday. Booking 0235 817200,

Christman walks: There are dozens this weekend and until New Year's day. For information about one near you, telephone the National Trust (071-222 9251) or the Ramblers Association (071-

NEXT WEEK

 Allendale fire (calival): Ancient custom upheld by the men of Allendale who, in disguise, carry sawn-off wooden barrels filled with lit flammable material to walk the village boundaries before assembling in the market square to make a bonfire with the barrels, and "burn the old year out". Spectators welcome. Allendale, Northumberland. Monday, from 11pm.

 Bath race: Fun charity event now in its eighteenth year in aid of the Jubilee Sailing Trust. About 30 baths, either paddled or under sail, race in the harbour. Poole Quay, Poole, Dorset. Tuesday from 10.30am. Details: 0202 573774.

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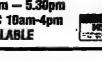
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An orchestrated fiddle to a wrong note on a Strad

1 Which pieces of silver were saved for the nation in January, tollowing a gift of £68,000 from Christie's? Between which museums are they now shared?

2 Which marble portrait bust caused a spate of emparrassment at Christie's?

3 Which great gallery was rehung, thus affecting the perceptions of both market and the public regarding British art?

4 Which sculpture became the subject of the most concerned "save" campaign in recent history?

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5 Which government minister was taken to court over his decision to take no action on the removal of the Canova statue, The Three Graces, from Woburn Abbey?

6 How long did the hearings tast, and what was their outcome?

7 Which £40 million treasure, unveiled by Sotheby's last February, became the subject of a Scotland Yard Art and Amiques

8 Which gallery was criticised for allowing itself to be used as a showcase for 15 works from the British Rail pension fund's Victorian art collection, prior to

 Who had the bright idea of offsetting the value of Canova's The Three Graces against his family's tax bill, in order to save it for the nation?

10 Which French actor has been selling his art collection during the year, first 35 sculptures by the



Italian artist Rembrandt Bugatti,

11 Where did Van Gogh's irises



prevented from being auctioned at Philips following intervention by the Italian government?

13 Which conviction concerning the itlegal removal of fixtures and fittings from a listed country house was overturned in April?

14 How much did Jimi Hendrix's Fender Stratocaster guitar, twanged at Woodstock in 1968, fetch at Sotheby's in 1990?



15 What famous liters from the Marcos collection will be excluded from Christie's sale next month?

16 Which minister drew the ire of the Getty Museum when he benned the export of Canova's The Three Graces?

17 What is the world's most expensive sculpture and where is it

18 Which college is considering parting with its Turner, Constable and Gainsborough to raise funds for a "new academic plan"?

28 Which Yorkshire country house welcomed that return of two out of 14 paintings stolen in 1981?

29 Which dealers gave £360,000 to the National Gallery towards

22 Which Russian exhibition.

ointly by Lloyd's of London and

24 What is the record price for a

25 Describe the hat.

27 Which sculptures were

withdrawn from a Sotheby's auction following claims by the

10 Which was the biggest orchestrated fiddle of the year? 26 To which country did Van

39 Which musician cleared out his collection of guitars and lutes at

\$1 What broke the record for appointment to numerous furniture at Christie's? What was members of the royal family

teddy bears and by none so much as the Bear of Very Little Brain. Although he

emerged poorly from Marxist critiques. Winnie the Pools has outlived them and ex-pressed his thoughts in 25

es including Macedo-



A The year has been marked by various sales of works by famous fakers. Who were they and

where were the sales? B Which Mannerist sculpture has been the subject of a dispute over attribution following its unexpected sale for £715,000 at Christie's, despite an estimate of £2,000 to £3,000? C Whose tomb narrowly escaped auction at Sotheby's, following intervention by heritage groups?

the record?

22 What broke the record for a German painting. What was the price?

33 Which British museum made a secret attempt to "save"
Constable's painting The Lock
from going to market?

34 Which West End jewellers by

celebrated its 125th anniversary in

35 Which Getty Museum statue is in doubt following recent research?

36 Which "great painting" of North American history came a cropper at Christie's last month?

37 Which great Surrealist became the subject of an international fake print fraud, ending in a live-month

38 Who bought Constable's The Lock for £10.78 million at Sotheby's?

39 What is the name of the Stradivarius violin which broke the world record for a musical instrument, selling for 2902,000 at Christie's in London?

40 What is the name of the Stradivarius violin which flopped, unsold, at Sotheby's despite an estimate of £1 million?

41 What broke the record for an English manuscript at Sotheby's, and what will the proceeds go

42 Which film star hoped to make up to £10 million from selling her Van Gogh? How much did she

43 What is Simon Jervis, the new director of the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, trying to save for the

Teddy bears

Search for the bear necessities

ARCTOPHILES may sound faintly sinister but, once translated, emerge as nothing more harmful than lovers of teddy bears. While many cherish memories of that deep and significant relationship with a cross-eyed bundle of stuffing, few continue their affection

into adulthood. However, since thousands of pounds have been spent on single examples of these lovable, if tatty, treasures it is certain that auctioneers - and some grown-ups - take them senously. And adult prices have been paid. In one auction two collectors were bidding in absentia for a 1928 Sterff "Clown". Unfortunately, neither thought to give their bidders a limit and the resulting world record price of £60,000 was £55,000 higher than the most extravagant estimates. The buyer was said to be "fairly horrified". He was probably depressed, too, when the next "Clown" at auction fetched £3,400.

Bunny Campione, of Sotheby's, says that a better indication of a top price was achieved last May when a Black Bear (Steiff again) was sold for £20,000.

Although teddies were manufactured en masse soon after their appearance in 1903, enough have disappeared to give rarity value to survivors. Where did the loved ones go? It has been suggested, quite seriously, that heavy casualties occurred during the sec-ond world wzr. The two honour: Morris Michton, British obsessions of the time who founded the Ideal Toy constipation and germs — Corporation of America, and

That tatty teddy in the attic could be found in public libraries.

The toy's popularity has been consolidated by fictional worth a lot more than mere memories



Gold from the nursery: a collection of elderly teddy bears

caused mothers to force-feed Margarete Steiff, of the Gerchildren with cod liver oil and kidnap teddy bears, which were then surreptitiously

Of course far more have been, and will be, dis-membered or decapitated as victims of children's play. After such an awful act comes too late - the remorse. However, there are several places which can perform surgery. The best known of these is The Dolls Hospital.

There is some doubt as to who invented the toy. There are two claimants to that

niso, Japanese and Serborespectable stockbroker, is surely proof of the teddy's popularity. His life-long love of bears has taken over his working as well as his private life. With Jane, his wife, in 1985 he founded Teddy Bears,

man firm of Steiff. Steiff exhibited its first bear at the Leipzig Toy Fair in 1903 - it ("Teddy's gone to fight that nasty Mr Hitler.")

had been making elephants and other animal toys since 1877 — but Mr Michtom claimed to have been in dent Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt in the same year over the use of his nickname for a similar toy. The letters

appeared. The story of the hitter rivalry between the companies is recounted with

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It is not impossible to imagine that, in 50 years' time, other shops could still be brimming over with Ruperts, Pools and Paddingtons. Arctophilia lasts forever.

characteristic verve by Peter Bull, the actor who became the JOHN DAVIES The Dolls Hospital, 15 Dawes Road, London SW6, open 9.30am to 5pm Mondays, Tues-days and Pridays, 071-385 2081. His Book of Teddy Bears (Cassell, 1977) remains the best introduction to the world

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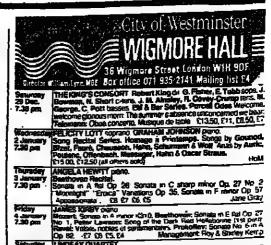
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RECORDING

Classical virtue of self-promotion

Music groups are discovering the

many advantages of forming their own record labels, says **Nicholas Soames**

anity publishing may be regarded as a questionable practice in the world of books, but not its rough equiva-lent in classical recording. Not only is it common practice for musicians to pay for their own recordings, and even run their own record labels, the practice is even attaining artistic and commercial respectability.

The first company to make selfrecording a virtue was Gimell the mouthpiece of The Tallis Scholars, conductor Peter Phillips and producer Steve Smith, who specialise in Renaissance choral music.

They have been joined by Collegium Records, another choral venture, this time devoted to the music, and music-making of the composer/conductor John Rutter. His decision to go on his own has been rewarded, like Gimell, by classical chart success where, originally, there seemed little possibility of the recordings

appearing at all.

Gimell paved the way, though. Since its tentative launch six years ago with a recording of Palestrina's Missa Benedicia es, it has released a steady stream of titles, from the major works of Tallis and Byrd, to more obscure composers such as Clemens non Papa and, recently, the Portuguese composer Frei Manuel Cardoso.

But a remarkable breakthrough came in 1987, when the label and The Tallis Scholars won the Record of the Year Award from Gramophone magazine for a recording of Josquin's Missa Pange Lingua. Other awards followed in France, Germany, Spain and even Japan, which did not seem receptive to this corner of

A blanket refusal by existing record companies to accept the commercial viability of this carly sacred music drove Phillips and Smith to go on their own. Their first recording - Allegri's Mise-rere, Palestrina's Missa Papae Marcelli and music by William Munday – was licensed to Classics for Pleasure in 1980. EMI refused to buy the recording because of its supposed lack of commercial potential.

The recording startled everyone by selling 100,000 copies in three years. Even that, though, failed to open doors for The Tallis Schol-We walked the streets for months wanting to do other things, but nobody would listen to remembers Steve Smith. They thought that the best things had been recorded already."

Frustrated by the response,

Smith and Phillips went ahead on their own, with a little help from a sponsor, to record Palestrina's Missa Benedicta es - and Gimell was founded. Behind the desire to make records was Phillips' belief that not only was there an enormous amount of that repertoure waiting to be recorded, but that there were also strong musical reasons for the Tallis style, with female voices on the top parts. This was a significant departure from the standard reliance on allmale English cathedral choirs.

Unlike many such enterprises, Gimell backed the musical determination with cool business sense, and kept rigidly to its purpose of recording Renaissance music. It was this singlemindedness, allied to indisputable musical excellence, that resulted in its success. "We didn't want to dilute the message," explains Smith.

Now, having made only three or four recordings a year, it still has a small catalogue of 24 titles, but they sell well. The Josquin recording has notched up sales of over 80,000, and Spem in Alium a similar amount. Even the music of the obscure Cardoso has sold 10.000 in three months.

The group's independence also gives it the flexibility to move fast. When The South Bank Show agreed to make a film on the label and The Tallis Scholars (to be screened tomorrow), Gimeli was able to rush-release a special compilation of the music sung on the programme. Its only other concession to its evident popularity is the decision to increase the number of annual recordings to

John Rutter's Collegium Records had a similar beginning. He also started with a best-seller for another company: Faure's Requiem, performed to original specifications (without violins). It was licensed to Comfer Records in Britain, and only available by mail order in the United States. Tower Records took it, then the New York Times gave it a glowing review, and it was still distributed from a family friend's garage in Omaha, Nebraska. It became obvious to Rutter and his wife, JoAnne, that there was potential.

Rutter followed the Faure success with his own Requiem, which climbed into the USA's Billboard charts. Collegium Records recently celebrated a second Billboard entry, this time with his Te Deum. There are now 14 titles in the catalogue, all music which is either written or conducted by Runer - and featuring his choir,

The Cambridge Singers.
Like Gimell, the Rutters learned the business side of classical recording as they went along. They also enjoyed several strokes of luck. "One day, quite unexpectedly, we received a fax from Japan with a large order," recalls JoAnne Rutter. Only later did she find out that Gimell had introduced them. "We tend to regard each other as colleagues, not competitors," says



Rich treats sugared with plum

auspicious birth than The Nutcracker, and fewer still have had to wait so long to achieve success. But once Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic finally did take hold of the public's imagination, it would not let go. This year, more than ever before, dance-goers are being treated to a Nutcracker feast, courtesy of Britain's three national ballet companies, and their appetite for this easily digestible sugary fantasy seems endless.

For the first time, English National Ballet, the Royal Ballet and Burmingham Royal Ballet are all presenting The Nutcracker as their seasonal fare, with an astonishing total of 65 performances among them. Un-doubtedly, all three companies will be hoping to bit the financial isckpot with the tale of the little girl who gets a nutcracker doll for Christmas and finds herself whisked away to the magic world of the Kingdom of Sweets.

The biggest winner in the revenue stakes is English National Ballet, which has been presenting The Nutcrocker at the Festival Hall every Christmas since 1957. Last year, the season set a record for the company, taking in just over £1 million at the box office and netting ENB about £880,000. This year, with another two weeks the company is anticipating yet another record, expecting to net about £910,000 - 45 per cent of its total annual budget - from

As a new Nutcracker opens, Debra Craine examines the ballet's appeal

its run of 31 performances. Such riches would have been unimaginable when the ballet was first unveiled in St Petersburg 98 years ago. The premiere at the Maryinsky Theatre attracted nothing but critical scorn. Reviewers complained that Marius Petipa's libretto lacked a sufficient subject. that the luxurious original production was in bad taste, that the music was impossible to dance to and - most surprising of all, given its popularity today - they dismissed The Nutcracker as a children's ballet.

One critic even wrote: "The production of such ballets as The Nutcracker can quickly and easily lead the ballet troupe to its downfall," How wrong he was, for Tchaikovsky's last ballet has become a staple of companies around the world and proved the financial saviour of many.

What, then, is the secret of The Nutcracker's appeal? The answer lies in the ballet's Christmas theme (which gives it an auto-matic place in the repertoire), its magical effects (which appeal to children), and Tchaikovsky's inventive and melodic score (which appeals to everyone). Given those factors, almost any production is guaranteed an audience, whatever its merits. And the merits of the current British version times questionable.

mounted by Peter Schaufuss in 1986, is a success despute its shortcomings, the greatest of which is a revised scenario which attempts to turn The Nutcracker into an imagined biography of the composer himself. In it, Tchaikovsky, upon hearing of the death of his sister, remembers a past Christmas with her and her family. Reminded of the story of The Nutcracker, which he is in the midst of writing at the time, Tchaikovsky sees himself as the masic clockmaker, Drosselmeyer, at the centre of a nostalgic, grieftinged personal observation.

For adults, the challenge is in trying to decipher the Tchaikovsky family tree which is beinfully displayed in the centre of the ENB programme, and to sort out who is posed to represent whom in the ballet, since all the characters have historical origins. Children, blissfully unaware of these genealogical complications, can sit back and enjoy the sense of wonder in Schaufuss's lively production, and the make-believe world portrayed in David Walker's designs.

If the South Bank Nutcracker is for children, the Covent Garden one is for adults, despite the fact that its production features more than 50 students from the Royal Ballet School. Less fairy tale and imes questionable.

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meier-inspired designs.
Wright's version, set in Nurembers in the early 19th century, centres on Drosselmeyer and his attempts to break the wicked spell which turned his nephew into an ugly nutcracker doll. Although this story line is easier to follow, its muted colours and ancien regime realisation of Act II are too sophisticated for a young audience hankering after wonderland effects. Nonetheless, it remains one of the most popular ballets in the Royal's repertoure, and the fact that the company is presenting 17 performances over the holiday season is proof of its success.

The third Nutcracker comes from Birmingham, where a new production - also by Peter Wright - opens tonight at the Hippodrome. Wright, director of the Burmingham Royal Ballet, has chosen Tcharkovsky's ballet as his thank-you gift to the Midlands city, which spent £4.1 milhon bringing the former Sadler's Wells company to Burningham.

"I wanted to do something specially for Birmingham to show my appreciation for what the city has done for us and this seemed to fit the bill," says Wright. "It's a seasonal ballet that works at

Wright started by choosing a different designer - John Mac-Farlane - and then "I tried to forget everything I did for Covent Garden. It is very difficult to dispel one's initial ideas on it but The Nutcracker lends itself to

many interpretations." Finding his earlier version "a bit complex", Wright decided to smplify the story. "We have changed the character of Drosseimeyer and the whole thing of Nuteracker is much more of a young girl's dream this time. There's very little in the programme about the story as I've kept that to a minimum. You won't have to work out who's who, and there are no psychological undertones anywhere."

MacFarlane, who has designed more than 100 new costumes for the 80-strong cast, has provided a more colourful production and I think it will be more attractive to children", Wright adds, aware that in the end, any production of The Nutcracker has to answer the needs of a young audience. "It's a great ballet for children but I think some productions have put children off ballet forever. It's a problem with Nutcracker that children tend to go with great expectations and sometimes productions do not live up to their expectations. And that's sad."

The Nutcracker continues at the Festival Hall until January 12, at the Royal Opera House until January

THE SUNDAY TIMES

"I am full of vitality, full of beans, full of energy. I have got a few years left in me yet." With those defiant words to Terry Wogan, Margaret Thatcher began the year of her political destruction. They set the tone for what was to follow. Robert Harris on the end of the most dominant political force in Britain this century,



Still swinging within the pop parameters

Joseph Connolly on the Sixties art craze that will not go away

Text September, the Royal Academy is mounting a retrospective exhibition of Pop Art. The man in charge of the task, art historian Marco Livingstone (author of monographs on Allen Jones, David Hockney and R.B. Kitaj), has already produced a fine accompanying book which although, due to the nature of the genre, cannot be termed definitive (its sub-title is "A Continuing History") is certainly the best exposition to date on the rancous art of the Fifties and Sixties that simply refuses to lie down.

Any attempt to pinpoint exactly when and where Pop and Art came together is doomed to failure, simply because it was not even a movement in the accepted sense: no band of committed visionaries plotted

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a manifesto and proceeded to achieve its aims. Aithough the antecedents of Pop are discernable, it would be oversimplistic, if not downright misleading, to infer that any influence was direct,

or even conscious. As early as 1917, the Dadaist Marcel Duchamp was passing off everyday objets trouves as "art", a gentleman's urinal and a snow shovel being two of the most notorious examples. In these early pieces, the detached humour displayed by many of the later Pop artists is apparent (the snow shovel is entitled "In Advance of the Broken Arm"). During their Cubist period, Braque, Picasso paint which rendered the subjects and Gris may also be cited as hand-made, Johns was reproduc-

unwittingly pre-empting much of Pop's philosophy, if such it may be called, by using applique news-paper mastheads and wine labels within their paintings.

More obvious precursors of Pop Art are the surrealist Magritte (whose oil of a levitating briar pipe bore the caption ceci n'est pas une pipe) and — most startlingly—the brightly coloured paintings of Gerald Murphy and Stuart Davis, whose simplified depictions of items such as a box of matches and a bottle of disinfectant come across as Warhol out of Leger, and seem about 40 years in advance of their actual mid-1920s origins.

Jasper Johns's first one-man show was staged in New York in 1958 - quite some time before the Pop sobriquet gained currency - and may be seen, in retrospect, to be the first manifestation of the genre in America to have made an impact. Although other prominent artists of the time, such as Robert Rauschenberg and Ray Johnson, were eager to follow the precedents of Duchamp and the Cubists by incor-'Pop Art is

porating objects such as the fronts of Lucky Strike not so much cigarette packets, pin-ups of James Dean and Elvis, notable for never and the ubiquitous Coca-Cola bottle having gone into montages and three-dimensional sculptures of found objects, Johns was

wilfully working in the opposite direction. This may have been in order to address himself to a similar assault upon the tradinonal values of representational art, while at the same time distancing himself from the Abstract Expressionism of such as Jackson Pollock which had, up until now, held sway. With a characteristically thick layering of



Marilyn Munro by Warhol: best-selling poster at the Tate

ing archery targets and the Stars and Stripes, while casting in bronze replicas of everyday objects such as flashlights and beer cans, whose labels would then be painted on in order to look as if they had been painted on.

Peter Blake, who later paid homage to Jasper Johns's targets by displaying an actual Slazenger archery target and entitling it "The First Real Target", was at the forefront of the British side of things with cosy, and even nostalgic, assemblages such as "Toyshop". On one of the rare occasions when Hockney employed advertising art in one of his paintings, it took the form of a packet of Ty-Phoo tea. A welcome blast of fresh air was supplied by Richard Hamilton as early as 1956, with his collage, "Just what is it that makes today's homes so different, so appealing?". Allen Jones also impressed with his trussed rubber-clad pneumauc ladies posing in spike-heeled shoes.

At this time, the Sixties had firmly taken hold, and the fact that Pop Art in the Nineties seems more popular than ever is linked with our enduring love affair with the period. It already seems extraordinary that Lichtenstein's blown-up comic-book frames, Oldenburg's soft sculptures of ob-

jects such as hamburgers and payphones - and of course Warhol's endless lines of Marilyns, Coca-Colas, Brillo boxes and Campbell's soup cans - actually had no link whatever with Britain's Quant/Conran/Sassoon menon, the music led by the

Beatles and the later psychedelia. The history of Pop Art - and of the Sixties in general - is a continuing one, in that many exponents still practise the forms with varying degrees of purity, but more to the point because it is not so much constantly revived as notable for never having gone away. Already during 1990 we have seen large exhibitions of Sixties plastics. American graphics. Pierre Cardin and, more significantly, Jasper Johns's drawings. While Warhol's Mardyn continues to be the best-selling poster at the Tate, we launch a intle deeper into the recessionridden Nineties in characteristic search of colour and fun The Royal Academy is bracing itself for record crowds next autumn, and so within at least these parameters, London seems determined to carry on swinging.

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7.00 Janosch's Story Time: Animated children's entertainment (r) 7.25 Breakfast Serials. The final episodes of the six disparate serials starring Caroline Berry, John Biggins, Lucy Jenkins, William Petrie and Elizabeth Spriggs

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8.00 Babar. Cartoon version of the children's classic story about Babar the elephant 8.25 BraveStarr. Cartoon adventure with Marshal

8.45 Gone Live! This special end-of-year edition includes cartoon action and in the studio stars from Mad Marian and Her Meny Men play Double Dare with Frank Bruno and Jakki Brambles. Plus the soing Live team put on their version of Scrooge

10.35 Film: Labyrinth (1986) Frustrated by her baby brother's constant crying, Sarah (Jenniter Connelly) rashly wishes goblins would take him away. The Goblin King (Devid Bowie) tells her that it she wishes to rescue him, she must navigate a devilish labyrinth in 13 hours or Toby will become a goblin. An entertaining variation on Alice in Wonderland, written by Monty Python's Terry Jones wi characters created by the late Jim Henson. Slow in places but youngsters will find it enjoyable. Bowie, who is no stranger to

youngsters will find it enjoyable. Bowe, who is no stranger to dressing up and overacting, is in his element. Directed by Jim Henson (Ceefax) 12.12 Weather.

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line up is (subject to afteration). 12.20, 1.40 and 4.00 Athletics: coverage of the County Ourham international cross-country races; 12.30 Cricket: highlights of the fourth day's play in the second Test between Australia and England in Melbourne, 12.55, 1.25 and 1.55 Racing from Newbury; 1.10 News: 2.10 Rugby League: five coverage of the second half of the Regal Trophy semi-final between Warrington and Widnes at Wigan, 3.50 Football half-times; 4.35 Final Score 5.10 News with Chris Lowe. Weather

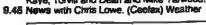
5.10 News with Chris Lowe. Weather

5.20 Regional News and Sport 5.25 Film: Flight of the Navigator (1986). David (Joel Cramer), a 12year-old boy, is whisked away by an alien spaceship and returns home eight years later, still a 12-year-old. Adequate family adventure from the Walt Disney studio. Also starring Veronica Cartwright and Cliff De Young. Directed by Randal Kleiser.

6.55 Telly Addicts. A special version of the quiz concent children a television programmes. Noel Edmonds's guesta are the sort of people who should know the answers: Leste Crowther, Tony Hart, Jenny Powell, John Craven, Jenny Hanley, Andi Peters,

Bran Cant and Cheryl Baker. 7.25 Challenge Anneks. Ameka Rice in another breathless race 7.25 Challenge Anneka. Ameka Rice in another creatness race against the clock. This one involves her shopping around for two sisters, a ballroom and magic shoes
 8.15 30 Years of the Royal Variety Performance. Bruce Forsyth looks back over three decades of the annual charity show attended by

members of the royal family. Among artists featured are Arthur Askey, Rowan Atkinson, the Beatles, Maunce Chevaller, Perry Sammy Davis Jr., Marlene Dietrich, Larry Hagman, Danny Kaye, Torvill and Dean and Mike Yarwood. (Ceefax)





and and official romance: Char and Micoles Cays (10.05pm)

10.05 Film: Moonstruck (1987). A spirited and offosst romance starring Cher as a dowdy Italan, American widow who tries to patch up a quarrel between her fience and his brother and, in so doing, manages to fall passionately in love with the younger brother. Oscar-winning performances from Cher and Clympia Dukakis, with the screwball Nicolas Cage as the passionate young lover. Directed by Norman's Films of the Year, A look back at what was on 11.45 Barry Norman's Films of the Year, A look back at what was on

the big screen in 1990. Norman recalls the hype of Dick Tracy and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, the return of the remantic comedy with Pretty Woman and the bulgs of the bicso movie as represented by Die Hard II and Total Recall. He chooses his personal top ten and plays back some of the worst movie mome

12.30am Film. Man Without a Star (1955) Rugged western starring Kirk Dougles as a veteran cowboy determined to make a man out of a young kild who has run away from home. Nothing new but entertaining and well-acted. With Jeanne Crain and Claire Trevor. Directed by King Vidor

7.55 English Towns. Alec Clifton-Taylor travels to Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire (r). (Ceefax) 8.25 Witdlife Showcase. While their larvae spend their life adrift, adult crayfish spend their time battling, counting and feeding on the sea

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8.55 Film: Truzen Triumphs (1948, b/w). You can tell when this one was made by its plot of Tarzan saving a hidden jungle city which has been invaded by Nazi paratroopers. Johnny Wessmuller stars in the first of the Tazzan series without Jane. With Johnny Sheffield and Frances Gifford. Directed by William Thiele

10.10 Sports Review of the Year. Gazzamenia strikes again as the stars gather to remember the sporting triumphs of 1990. (r)

11.50 The Honeymooners (b/w). Cleanic American comedy

12.15 Film: Tess (1979).

• CHOICE: It seems almost perverse that this third screen version Thomas Hardy's most English of tales should have been made in France, directed by a Pole, Roman Polenski, and had a German actress in the leading role. Despite all this, Tess is an extraordinarily faithful version of the novel, even to the use of Hardy's dialogue, and the Normandy countryside is as near to Dorset as makes no matter. One or two key episodes of the book, notably the death of the family horse, are curously omitted. There is, perhaps inevitably, simplification. But the story of the naive country girl destroyed by taxe, perficious men and moral hypocrisy la powerfully conveyed. The 17-year-old Nastassia Kineti behet her youth, modest experience and unfamiliarity with the English language to present a Tess of delicate beauty and moving innocence. (Ceetax)

3.00 Besthoven's Symphonies. Roger Norrington conducts the London Classical Players as they continue their Beethoven cycle with Symphony No 7 in A, Op 92, performed on original

3.45 Film: Lady in the Dank (1944). Extrawagent, journty musical with Ginger Rogers as a career-minded magazine editor engaged to the magazine's married publisher. With Ray Milland. Directed by

Mitchell Lesen

5.25 Royal Institution Christmas Lactures. In the third of his series
Professor Malcolm Longair investigates the origin of Quasars
6.25 NewsView with Chris Lowe and Lynette Lithgow. Weather
6.50 Joyce Grentell. The entertainer is accompanied by William

Blezard at the pieno (r).
7.20 When the Fire Burns: The Life and Music of Manuel de Falls. A portrait of the great Spanish composer who died in 1946. He is remembered by his friends and in excerpts from his works.



Journey into the past: Scrohn Cusack, Tim Mckenerry (8.45pm)

8.45 ScreenPlay: August Saturday.

• CHOICE: A William Trevor short story is defily brought to the ecreen by the team of producer Robert Cooper and director Diarmuid Lawrence that was responsible for last year's fine Trevor adaptation, Beyond the Pale. Using a flashback structure to move between past and present, August Saturday centres on a group of fnends in the west of Ireland who meet each month for dinner at a local hotel. This time the chance arrival of an Englishman (Tim McInnerry) stirs memories of his previous visit 15 years before, which had momentous consequences for Granie (Sorcha Cusack), a married women desperately wanting a child. On a plot level August Saturday contains few surprises but the strength of the piece is not so much in its narrative hold as in a careful definition of character and mood. Particularly effective is the counterpointing of benal conversations around the dinner table with the heroid painful journey into the past. (Ceefax)

9.45 A Life in Pieces. Peter Cook as Sir Arthur Streeb-Greebling, who

reveals to an asionished Ludovic Kennedy the fourth of his 12 Christmas presents 9.50 Rab C Neebitt's Seasonal Greet. Gregor Flaher stars in lan Patheon's innovative comedy (r)

10.35 Film: Chocolat (1988). A strong autobiographical drama which focuses on a young woman's wild memories of her childhood in French West Africs. The daughter of the district governor looks back on her close friendship with a black servant, which dominates her return to the Cameroons. With Mirelife Perrier and Issach de Bankolé. In French with English subtities. Directed by Claire Denis. Ends at 12.25em

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6,00 TV-em 9.25 Motormouth, Neil Buchanan, Gaby Roslin, Steve Johnson and Andy Crane sample an Outward Bound course in the Lake District 1,30 The ITV Chart Show. Chart-toppers and trivia with a special vintage video spot 12.30 Seint & Greevsie, Ian St John and Jimmy Greeves take slock of

1990's football action and share the show's best moments 1.00 News with Figna Armstrong, Weather 1.05 LWT News and 1.10 Sportsmasters. Dickie Davies hosts the final of the sports quiz-

Champion jump jockey Peter Scudemore presents the trophy to 1.40 Athletics 90. Steve Ovett, Jim Rosenthal and Alan Parry look back

over the year's achievements and look forward to next year's world

championships in Tokyo 2.40 The Great Sents Claus Caper. Cartoon fun (r) 3.10 The Adventures Of Black Beauty: Pocket Money. An episods

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5.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather 5.10 LWT News and

5.15 Disney Cartoon Time 5.30 Film: Return of the Jedi (1983) starring Mark Hamil, Harrison Ford and Carne Fisher. The final part of the Star Wars trilogy sees the evil Darth Vader building a new Death Star and plotting the downfall of Luke Skywalker with the Imperial Emperor. One of the more successful film sequels, although the film does depend on its audience having seen the first two parts. A triumph of lechnology over story telling, with excellent special effects and ingenious puppelry, definitely one for the youngsters. Directed by Richard Marquand, who went on to make the thriller .lagged Edge. (Oracle)

8.00 Blind Date. Cilla Black with more contagtants looking nomence and a dream partner. (Oracle) 9.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Sport and weather 9.15 LWT



Boolel outcaste: Annabelle Apsion and Aeron Dewson (9.20pm)

9.20 Film: The Widownaker (1990). OCHOICE: A sombre drama by Jeremy Brock, the joint creator of Casualty, explores the effect on a young wite of a Hungerford-type messacre carned out by her husband. Unaware of what has happened, Kathy (superbly played by Annabelle Apsion in her first big television part) picks up her five-year-old son from school and armives home to a nightmare of press reporters and police questioning. The narrative proceeds along two parallel lines, establishing Kathy as a social outcast shunned by everyone around her, while recalling in flashback how she counted and married a man now revealed as a mass-munderer. The depiction of Mother a visition are shall be seen to be seen as a second process. Kathy as victim, unable to find a single person to lean on, is convincingly done, perhaps overdone, in a quasi-documentary style that often touches the nerves. The clues to the husband's madness form a more shadowy and less convincing picture

1.20 Film: Stroker Ace (1983) staming Burt Reynolds, Loni Anderson and Parker Stevenson. Noisy and destructive adventure from Hel Needharn of Smokey and the Bandil about a stock car driver who annoys one sponsor with his wild behaviour and gets a tempting offer from another. Not thought good enough to get a cinema release in Britain.

1.05em The 1990 Billboard Music Awards. Phil Collins, Janet Jackson, Sineed O'Connor, MC Hammer are just a tew of the intermetronal stars who reflect the best of the year's music in these

3.00 Film: No Sex Please — We're British (1973) starring Ronnie Corbett, Beryl Reid and Arthur Lowe. Sprightly film version of the long-running stage farce about a percel of dirty postcards being wrongly delivered to a bank. Directed by Cliff Owen LAO Cartoon Time 5.00 The Magical World of Disney featuring Donald Duck 5.55 ITN Morning News with Anna Leuchers. Ends at 5.00

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Novices' Hurdle (2.40)
3.00 Film: Never Give a Sucker an Even Break (1941, b/w) W.C. Fields comedy in which the star triumphs over a thin plot and

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4.20 Faerie, Tale. Theatre: Rumpelstittskin. The classic Brother, Gnmm tale is enchantingly brought to life by Ned Bealty and Shelley Duvall. (Teletext)

5.10 Brookside Omnibus. (Teletext)

6.30 Hot Rod Boogle. Utah's glaring white desert stretches as far as the eye can see. After the rains, this usually desolate space buzzas with sounds and colour These invading creatures are not buzzes with sounce and coupur These interiory accentifies are not natural but hot rods, streamliners, takestars and coupes, cars which are built by enthusiasts in their own back yards. The drivers aim to reach the shimmering horizon as fast as possible and to

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7.00 News summary and weather followed by All the Rivers Run II.

John Waters and Nikki Coghill star in the sequel to the awardwinning Australian riverboat drama. In 1903 the riverboat trade has
gone through a damaging recession, thanks to the arrival of new
roads and railways. Cyrus James, a smooth but mysterious
overseas businessman, walks into this explosive situation,
immediately attracted to Deke, he realises it is wise to back off
after meeting Brenton, but a close bond soon develops between
the three of them. (Teletext) the three of them. (Teletext)

8.00 Opera on 4: Der Ring des Nibelungen — Das Rheingold.
CHOICE: The ten-part Ring on BBC2 is quickly followed by a rival production from the Metropolitan Opera in New York which is being given over two successive weekends, staring today with being given over two successive weekends, staring today with Das Pheingold. Otto Schenk's production, which is conducted by Das Pheingold. Otto Schenk's production, which is conducted by James Lewine, is notable for its naturalistic sets and avoidance of social comment. The Munich Brunnhilde, Hildegard Behrens, sings the same role here but the Met's cast is otherwise different, with Christal Ludwig as Fricks and Waltraute, Siegfried Jerusalem as Loge, James Morris as Wotan and, intriguingly, Jessye Norman as Sieglinde. The television recording has been directed by a specialist in televised opera, Brian Large, and incorporates apecially shot technical effects. Die Walküre follows tormorew oftermore, with Septimed and Göttlerdismenerum men's Setumber 1 ftermoon, with Siegmed and Götterdemmerung next Saturda and Sunday



Woten (James Monts) and Loge (Siegfried Jerusalem) (8.00pm)

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presents his warped view of the world 11.45 The Week with Jonathan Ross, Jonathan Ross introduces the

highs and lowe of his Christmas shows

12.15am Sinead O'Connor: 'Year of the Horse. The controversial, shaven-headed singer with a haunting voice performs in concert in Rotterdam, part of her last October's European tour

1.20 Film; Spiritual Love (1987). Jonathan Ross introduces a bizame

romemic fantasy, part of the Chinese Ghost Stories series. A. strong-arm debt collector has a tender heart turking under he tough exterior. Fed up with his tack of tuck in love, Pok falls for a ghoet, but soon finds himself pursued by an envirous ex-loves who is describined to break up the affair. Starring Chow Yun Fel, Charle-Chung and Deanle Yip, in Cantonese with English subtities. Directed by Dawid Lai and Taylor Wong. Ende at 3.00

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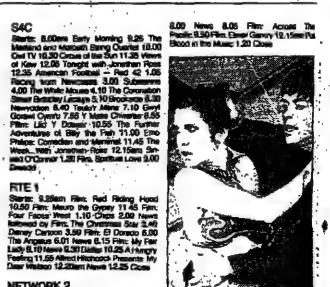
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Nesh Ensemble), Delius (Air and Dance for simgs: LPO) 7.35 Morning Concert (conf): Bertők (Romanian Foli-Dances) Orpheus CO), J.M. Waber (Septet From My Life:

regme caelorum, Beati omnes; Alma redemptons, Peccasii 9.30 Saturday Review Record Review — Critics' Choice 1990 Edward Greenheid, Nicholes Kenyon, Radiney Minus and John Warrac discuss their pick of the year releases. Chaired by Richard Osperne, 11,00 Re then choices. Purcell (The Farry Queen, Act 3. Soloists, Chorus and Orchestra of Les Arts Florissants under William Christini Dvořak (Symphony Jansons), Vaugnan Williams (Fantasia on Chromms Curola

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(Symphony No 5)
3.55 Schunarin and Goetir:
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Career are discussed by Basil Deane 9.35 Acts 4 and 5 11.00 Four Buryon Regues (new series)

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Special: Comedy, songs and sketches (a) (r) 11.99 News; Far from the Madding Crowd: Gathering in. The final part of the dramatisation of Thomas Marchineses. Thomas Hardy's novel (s) 12.00 Money Box with Louise

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mand compet 2.30 Saturday Playhousa: King Solomon's Mines A ion of Fligur Haggard's classic adventure. With Kanneth Colley as Allan 4.00 News, Dan Dare Meets Judge

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Duncan Carse and Gordon
Davies, the three actors who
played Dick Barton — Special
Agent in the radio series of 40

years ago (r) 5.00 Voices Off, Nick Baker investigates the coarse art of the public-address 5.25 Year Ending: A setuncal review of the year's news (a) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Westiner

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8.45 The Bee-Loud Gla Bailey explains the wonders of beekeeping to his young grandson (s) 9.10 Music in Mind: Brian Kay with

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(Serendel in C. Do 12: Juan

Rampai)
8.35 Cantates in Contrast: Bach
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emotioned of Solm Godes:
Chor of St Thomas's Church,

9.15 A Senous Matter. The third

and chamber orchestra: Berlin
CO under Hans von Benda);
Chopin (Nocturne in D flat, Op
27 No 2); Mozart (Soneta in A
minor, K 310)
10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 Bach's B Minor Mass:

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Recorded at this year's
Brighton Festival Leipzig
Cevandhaus CO: Brighton
Festival Chorus under Laszlo
Heitay 1.00pm News
1.05 Your Concert Choice:
Honegger (Une Cantate de
Noël. Winchester Cathedral
Chor; Waynflete Singers, ECO
under Martin Neary), Messaen
(Dieu parmi nous, La Nativité
du Seigneur: Marie-Claire
Alan, organ): Wagner/Russell
(The Ring of the Nibolungs —
an analysis: Anna Russell,
speaker and prano); Hely-

speaker and piano); Hely-Hutchinson (Carol Symphi

Leipzig; New Bach Collegium, Leipzig under Rotzsch; Cantata No 133, Ich freue mich in dir: Bach Collegium

programme on Dinu Lipath's recording legacy. Bach (Partita in 9 flat, BWV 825):

upalti (Concertino for plano

Popie); J.B. Gánsbecher (Serenede in C, Op 12: Juan Pastor, guitar, Emô Sebestyen, violin, Heidruh Ganz, viola, Karl-Bernhard Sebon, flute), Dvořák (Za sílhibu gazelou, Armida, Act 1: Munich RO under Station Soltesz); Mercadante (Flute Concerto in D: ECO under Ramnes)

7.25 Film: The Private Affairs of Sel Ami (1947, b/w) George Sanders and Angela Lansbury star in a stifted adaptation of Maupessant's novel about a journalist who climbs the social ladder in 19th-century Pans at the expense of his friends. Directed by Albert 9.15 All God's Children. The first of a new tenes exploring the coexistence of different fauths in Britain
9.30 This is the Day. Graham Young presents a service of prayer and
meditation from the Tower of London.
10.00 See Hearl The British Deaf Association celebrates its cantanery
year with a service at Wastmunster Abbey Wales (to 12.35pm) See
You Sunday

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10.25 Country File, includes a report on the new tood safety regulations

10.55 Film: The Three Musikerser's (1948) Lavish version of the
evergreen swashbuckler staming Gene Kelly, Laria Turner, June
Allyson, Van Heltin and Vincent Price. Directed by George Sidney les 12.35 See Hear!

 News with Lynette Lithgow followed by Bettle of Britain 50th Anniversary. Reymond Baxter introduces highlights of the events that took place in September to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain (r)

2.00 EastEnders. Omnabus edition (r). (Cestax) 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus ecition (r). (Ceetax)
3.00 Film: Annie (1982). Misconcerved film version of the successful stage musical. Alicen Quann stars as the cute orphen girl who adopts a milionaire in order to escape the clutches of the tyrannical woman in charge of the orphanage. Albert Finney and Carol Burnett are the token adults. Directed by, of all people, John United (Capley).

5.00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. Classic comedy with Michael



Leading the treasure trail in Islington: Hugh Scully (5.40pm)

5.40 Antiques Roadshow. ● CHOICE: The Roadshow opens its thirteenth season with a montage of goggling faces, vanously shocked and delighted at being told the market value of their treasures. Much of the appeal of the show is guessing what a piece of china or item of furniture is worth and then watching the owner's reaction. In tonight's edition from Islington in north London, the favounte expletives are "wowl" and "amazing!". More senously, the sense exploits a growing interest in antiques that is clearly not confined to not people with pash accents. Much depends on a good mor of items. With offerings that include an Edward VIII mug for the coronation that never happened and a signed first edition of *The Hobbit*, the people of Islington come up trumps. The formula could hardly be bettered and there seems no reason why the Roadshow, like Desert Island Discs or Songs of Praise, should not run for ever.

8.25 News with Michael Buerk. Weather 6.49 Songs of Praise from Christ Church, Fulwood, Sheffield. (Ceetax)
7.15 Only Fools and Horses... The first of a new series of John
Sullivan's evergreen comedy starring David Jeson, Nicholas
Lyndhurst and Buster Merryfield. Follows on from the Christmas day special, with Rodney drinking heavily after the break-up with

his wife. (Ceetax)

8.05 Film: Appointment with Death (1986). A glossy Ageths Christie whodunit, set in Thirties Palestine, starring Peter Ustinov as Hercule Point Investigating the death of a rich widow. With Lauren Bacall, Carrie Fisher, John Gielgud, Hayley Mills and Jenny Seagrove. Directed by Michael Winner. (Ceetax)

9.45 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceetax) Westher

10.00 In Sickness and in Health. After the wedding fisaco Aff and Mrs. Hollingbery return to their respective homes and Alf tries to convince himself that he has had a further second. (Ceetax).

convince himself that he has had a lucky escape. (Caefax)

10.30 Everyman: Safe House, As the government furthers its policy of closing large mental hospitals and rehabilitating the immetes within the community. Everymen profiles a Russian Orthodox priest who has been opening his Devon priory home to potentially violent.

young schizophrenics for the past 20 years 11.15 Film: Victor/Victoria (1982). Grotesque farce set in Thirties Paris. starring Julie Andrews as a singer who rescues her facing career by pessing herself off as a female impersonator. James Gamer is the king who falls in love with her but does not like the idea of dating a man. Directed by Blake Edwards. (Ceefax) 1.25mm Weather

RADIO 3

7.00 Hallo Spencer. Carnic fun with a group of puppets (f) 7.20 King Rollo. Cartoon fun (r) 7.30 Playdays (r) 7.50 is That a Fact? The legand of Scotland's St Columbs and the Loch Ness Monater (r) 8.05 Planochio. Animeted adventures with the boy puppet 8.25 Movable Freets. Multi-fairr drams for children 8.40 Litt'i Dec. Cartoon tale about prices in an enchanted forest 8.05 Corners. Sophie Aldred and Stephen Johnson answer young viewers' questions (r) 9.25 Dungeons and Dragons. Cartoon sense based on the popular fairtasy game (r) 9.50 Blue Peter Review of the Year. With Yvette Fickling, John Leelle and Disne-Louse Jordan (r). (Caefax) 10.15 Defenders of the Earth. Cartoon adventures (r) 10.40 The Watch House. Three-part ghost story about a mysterious

BBC 2

10.40 The Watch House. Three-part ghost story about a mysterious abandoned building and a young girl who finds that she is drawn there (r) 11.10 Boxpope. Pop music, television clips and voxpope 11.50 The O-Zone. Music, news and competitions.



Bold casting for the depart hero: Peter O'Toole (midday)

12.00 Film: Lawrence of Arable (1982). CHOICE. This is by no means the first showing of David Lean's epic on the small screen but it in the premiere of the restored version which was released in the cinema test year. The restoration involved cuts made against Lean's wishes by the producer Sam Spagel. Most viewers will probably not notice the difference but Lean is a perfectionist to whom even the cinematic equalivalent of a commo out of place is anotherne. Showered with Oscars, automore was believed important as account the blockhurse. Lawrence was historically important as rescuing the blockbuster from Hollywood vulgensation. Robert Bott's script is intelligent and interate and the casing of the relatively unknown Peter O'Topic was a bold riposts to conventional box-office wisdom, if the film was a bold riposts to conventional box-office wisdom. If the film stays more in the memory for its images than its insights, that is partly a inbute to Freddie Young's sumptuous camerawork but also a recognition of Botl's ultimate tallure to unrivel an infinitely enigmatic figure. But at least he is in good company (Ceefax) 8.25 Beethoven Symphonies. Symphony to 8 in F. Op 93, performed by the London Classical Players, conducted by Roger Normigton, 3.55 Cricket: Second Test. Highlights of the final day's play in the game between Australia and England in Melbourne 4.25 Grand Prix 500. A compendium of action from 40 years of motor

5.25 Rugby Special, Ciffi Morgan pays tribule to one of the world's most famous rugby clubs, the Barbarians, in its centenary year. There are highlights of the traditional Christmas fixture against Loicester, as well as clips from past matches, not forgetting the exhibitating victory over the All Blacks. Wales: Rugby Special Wales (includes action from the second and third division of the

Heineken league) 8.25 Film: Speceballs (1987). Met Brooks, John Candy and Rick Morans ater in a belated and spasmodically emusing send-up of Star Wars. The evil leaders of the planet Spaceball by to force the king of another peaceful planet to exchange his planet's air in return for his daughter, who is being held hostage. Brooks also

8.00 Kall - The Lion. Simon King directs a compelling look at how one pride of Masai Mara lions struggles to find food in the lean months when desperation forces them to attempt to tacide larger and potentially dangerous quarry. (Ceefax)

9.00 Big Sheds. Architect Martin Pawley tooks at the growing number

of big sheds being built in Britain.

9.10 Joyce Granfell. The fondly-remembered entertainer is

accompanied by William Biezard at the piano (r)

9.40 A Life in Places. Ludovic Kennedy talks with Sir Arthur Street-Greebling, alias Peter Cook, about the fifth of his 12 Christmas gifts 9.45 Film: The Man Who Would Be King (1975). Seen Connery and

Michael Caine star in Kipling's story of 19th-century adventures who decide to become the first white men since Alexander the Great to venture beyond India's north-west frontier and estable themselves as kings. Connery and Caire are excellent and the imperialist myth is advoity parodied. Directed by John Huston 11.50 Montreux Jezz Festival, Highlights of this year's feetivel. Features Miles Davis, the MJQ and Dizzy Gillespie (r). Ends at

RADIO 4

TV LONDON CHANNEL 4

6.00 TV-em. Includes, et 6.00 TV-em Reports presented by Manni-Freell and Lee Azz. MPs Julian Critchley and Ken Livingstone-review the political year and Dennis Law cests his eye over the-

year's aporting highlights

9.25 The Dianny Club. Andrea Sourchen, John Eccleston and Gordon.
Inglis explore the letter technology being used at the KennedySpace Center in Florida

11.00 Morning Worship from Liues Perish Church, Scotland, the village-

which is the actting for the Take the High Road sensi
12.00 Encounter with Robert "Roy" Williamson, the Anglican Bishop of
Bractiond, renowned for his with sermons
12.30 LWT News Weekend with Anna Mana Ashe, Ed Boyle and Matthew Lomnzo.

1.00 Nave with Nicholas Owen Weather
1.10 Film: Ask Max (1986). A mede-for-television Disney adventure-about a 12-year-old who invents a "Skybike" and becomes the talk. about a 12-year-old who invents a "Skybike" and becomes the talk.

of the town, his school and the local business community. With Jett
B. Cohen as Mex. Directed by Vincent McEveety

2.05 Best Of Italia 90. Highlights of the World Cup extravegenze,

2.55 The Match, Live coverage from Selhurst Park of the top of thetable game between Crystal Palace and Liverpool, a reptay of last;

sesson's FA Cup serrefuel. The commentator is Brian Moore with

comment from Gery Lineker

5.05 Bullseye. Derts and general knowledge quiz game

5.35 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Hunnitord introduces highlights from her

6.40 Highway. Se Harry Secombe vests the north Pennines and Upper-Teedale and meets Hannah Hautwell, who became an overright: size after her lonely farming life was festured in a fallouson. 7.15 The Very Best of Beadle. Jeremy Beadle looks back on a decade

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7.45 Film: Spizel. Too (1988) starring Todd Waring and Amy Yasbeck. A made-for-television sequel to the comedy Spizeshabout Madisoni the girt whose legs turn into a fish tail when the cips them in the water. Directed by Greg Antonacci. (Oracle)

9.20 Naves with Nicholae Owert. Warner 9.45 LWT Westing.

9.50 Tarrant on TV Special. Campaigns for safer sex in Western maintains have alternational attributes towards sex and made it:

countries have altered our attitudes towards sex and made it? possible to discuss topics which would raisly have been mentioned five years ago. Chris Tarrant takes a witty look at the way sele sex and condom commercials have affected their sting of other products (Oracle)



Pure sound before authenticity: Peter Phillips (10.50pm)

10.50 The South Bank Show: The Talks Scholars.

 CHOICE: A typically accessible offering from the Melvyn Briegg; stable combines a profile of the choir which has done so much to put early music on the map with a look at the 16th century componers from whom it draws its repertoire and inspiration. Thei intervesiving of the two elements enables the beautiful unaccompanied sound of the Tallie Scholars to be set in their context of a century in which suggests a supporting also had been the context of a century in which suggests. context of a century in which music, as everything else, had to negotiate the upheavel of the Protestant Reformation. The film visits Oxford, Thomas Tallis's Walthem Abbey and the perish church in Norfolk where the Scholers make their recordings, while: hopping across to Bruges for a continental perspective on 16ths century culture. Through it strines the quiet enthuseaum of Peter Philips, who has turned the scholars from talented ameteurs into respected professionals and unashamedly puts a pure aoundi before authenticity (see page 19) 11.50 Film: Popeye Doyle (1986). A creditable made-for-televisions

follow-up to The French Connection, with a strong performances from Ed O'Neill in the part first played by Gene Hackman. Doyler investigates the murder of a beautiful woman and finds himself on the trail of members of a worldwide drugs ring. Directed by Peterr Levin, Followed by News hearlines

1.35em Jeen Michel Jame — Parist A spectacular concert recorded im

Paris on Bestille Dey, July 14 (r)

2.50 The Time Tunnel. A compilation of four episodes of the time travell series — Attack of the Barbarians, Menin the Magician, Thes Kichappers and Town of Terror (r) 5.55 (TN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

6.00 Bobby Jones Gospel. The best of American gospel music from 6-30 Simon Combes - An African Experience. The life and work of the British wildlife painter 7.00 Pet World. Dublin vet John Wilson with advice on keeping koala

7.30 Christopher's Christmas Mission, Animated story about young Christopher Johnson who, on Christmas Eve, decides to fulfil his tantasy by taking from the rich and giving to the poor 8.00 The Bluffers 8.30 Sebobobs 9.00 Early Bird. Magazine Dears and sheep

programme made by children for children

9.25 Lata in Her Own Voice, A sx-part tribute celebrating the eternal
voice of Lata Mengeshkar, India's leading female playback singer

10.00 How The Khyl Lost its Wings, Kethleen Houston's enimated version of a popular Major folk legend 10.15 Batman and Robin (b/w). Episode six



nt-friendly: Jeremy Coeter, Glanda Jackson (1/125am)

10.35 Film: Doombeach (1989). Environmental thriller made by the Children's Film Unit and starring Glenda Jackson, Jeremy Coster, Emma Freud and Peter Marshall Gavin and his friends feel that adults have little regard or respect for the world in which children are growing up, so they embark on a crusace against suspected pollution from a nearby power station. Directed by Colin Finbow.

12.00 The Waltons, Another stice of life with the close-knit Appalachian.

1.00 Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea (b/w) The "Seaview the creation of a med scientist, that has confronts a see-monster, the creation of a med scientist, that has a whole vitage frozen into silence (r)

2.00 Der Ring des Nibelungen: Die Walkure. Wagner's operation blockbuster continues with the second part of the Ring cycle performed at the Metropolitan Opera, New York, Britinshide (sung by Hildegard Behrens) defies her father Woten (Jemes Morns) in defending Siegmund (Gary Lakes), his mortal son, and so is

sentenced to sleep protected by a wall of fire
6.30 The Cosby Show. Family fun in the popular American sit-com
7.00 News summary followed by All The Rivers Run II. Episode two of
the four-part Australian drama senal set amid the turn-of-the-

contury membet traders. (Telefext)

8.00 The Making of Orchestral A documentary about the making of the Onchestral series which begins next Sunday It leatures an interview with Dudley Moore and Sir Georg Solti about why they decided to work together, their hopes for the programmes and their expenences while filming. The film elso observes Moore, Solti and the 120 young musicians of the Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orometra on and off carnevs 8.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach with the

news and events from the NFL

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19.00 Film: And Now for Something Completely Different (1971) starring Graham Cheoman, John Clease, Terry Gillam, Enc Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Pelin. An anthology of Monty Python sketches, put together for the American market. Includes Say No More, Nudge Nudge, Inflammatory Hungarian Phrasebook, Heil's Grannies, Self Defence against Soft Fruit and The Dead Parrot. Directed by Ian McNaughton. (Teletext)

11.40 Best of Dazzting Image. Another chance to see three short films shown lest July. The first, Ballad of Reading Geol by Richard Kwetniowski, is an interpretation of Occar Wilde's speech which he delivered from the dock of the Old Belley before being sentenced to two years hard labour for gross indecency. The second. The Long Way Round, is a tongue-in-check study of a building populated by three security guards, two business people, a meintenance man and a dog, where a closed circuit television is a meintenance man and a dog, where a closed circuit television is put to novel use. The beautifully shot final film, The Old Man and the Sea, by Christopher Newby, compares a landscape of wrinkled rocks, chaelled cliffs and satin sees with a bedridden old man. Sinister hints emerge from the sadate games which he plays on his

12.40am Chinese Ghost Stories. Jonethan Ross introduces Film: Esprit D'Amour (1983) starring Alan Tam and Cells Chan. A chaming remantic tantasy set in Hong Kong. A man falls in love with the ghost of a woman who died in an accident soon after he had almost run har over. In Cantonese with English subtitles. Directed by Ringo L.T. Tam. Ends at 2,20

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Beethoven, Op 35), Martinů
(Three Czech Dancas); Ravel
(La Valse); Brehms (Sonata in
Fiminor, Op 34b), Incl 3.20
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the Dark; The Unanswered
Question; Sympkony No 2:
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Christopher Hyde Smith,
William Matthes, Lucy
Skeaping and Rodney Statland
6.00 Between Her Bosons and His
Hayer: From the Bishop's
Palace Chapel, Wells, Opus
Anglicanum sings a meditation
on the mystical events of
Christmas

Christmas
7.00 La Raphaele: Skip Sampé,
harparchord, performs preces
from Couperin & Eighth Ordre,
Préces de davecm, book 2
7.30 Sunday Play. The Birds.

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9.35 Uchida Plays Beethoven (new sense). Five programmes. ECO under Jeffrey Tate, with Milisuko Uchida, piano, performs Henze (in memoriam, Die Weisse Rose), Beethoven (Prano Concerto No 1 in C. Op 15). 10.25 Mitsuko Uchida talkis about the first Piano Concerto 10.35 Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroca)

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2.00 Gardeners' Ouestion Time: A postibag edition Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Sue Philips are called upon by Clay Jones to solve listeners'

Clay Jones to solve listeners' gardening problems.

2.30 Sunday Playhouse: A Room Full of Memors. Winner of the 1988 Radio Times Drame Award, Patrica Finney's tantasy of the Third Armada is set in 1597 when Queen Stratheth I (Stån Phillips) was the most powerful nuter in Europe, except perhaps for Philip of Spain, With Tisra Domnuck as Young Elizabeth (s) (r)

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me, including Ronnie

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including those of Charles II,
Napoleon, Christine Rossetti
and Sydney Smith, The
warders are June Barris, Moir
Leele, Stuert Organ and
Christian Rodska (a)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann
Duffy visits the Aldeburgh
Postry Festival (a)
5.00 News; Down Your Wey: City
Jones visits Jersey
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6.15 Let it be Sarchinist Devid Beam transment the transfer In the footstape of D.H. Lewreyce (final part) (s) (r)

6.30 Concerto: The Russian plantist Andrei Gawilev ratios to June Knox-Mawer about his carrent and introduces his recording of Pachmannov's Second Pierro Concerto (s) (r)

7.50 Booksment Presented by Nigal Fords (r)

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LOS Correspondents Look Ahead:
A discussion by SBC
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From CHRIS ELIQUIN ATHENS

GREECE's conservative government announced yesterday that it would pardon three army officers, who were sentenced to death by firing squad for seizing power in 1967 and installing a military dictatorship. Ten other coup organisers are also to be pardoned. The officers, who were respon-

sible for torturing, jailing and exiling thousands of Greeks during the seven years of dictatorship, had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment shortly after being ordered to be shot by a special court in 1975.

Announcing the government's decision after a meeting with President Karamanlis, Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, said that the procedure "had been set into motion for the granting of pardon to members of

Call-up is biggest since Suez

Continued from page 1 tack on Iraqi forces soon after January 15 regardless of congressional or public opinion (Martin

Fletcher writes). Mr Bush has concluded that to delay military action if Iraq has not left Kuwait by the UN deadline would mean more American casualties in the long

"He's thought about all that, and he's comfortable with his decision. He said he's prepared to take whatever the consequences may be said one of two senior administration officials interviewed by the Los Angeles Times.

America's preparations for war continued yesterday with the departure of about 16,000 sailors and marines and 17 warships, including the aircraft carriers America and Theodore Rooseveit. mency."

The pardon will not extend to Dimitrios Ioannides, a former brigadier-general who masterminded the attempted assassination of the late Archbishop Makarios, then president of Cyprus, in an abortive coup that triggered the 1974 Turkish invasion and subsequent occupation of one-third of the island.

The exclusion of Ioannides from the elemency measure was apparently prompted by a recent Cyprus government statement that a pardon for the former dictator would not be very popular on the island.

When the officers were sentenced in 1975, — a year after the collapse of the dictatorship — Mr Karamanlis, who was then prime minister, said that as far as he was concerned life sentences meant exactly that. But a statement from the president's office said yesterday that the question of a pardon was "purely a matter for the government".

The issue of clemency for members of the military junta for 'humanitarian reasons' cently raised by seven backbench Conservative MPs and was immediately opposed by the Socialists and Contoronists.

Eight members of the former junta, among them former colonel George Papadopoulos, former brigadier-general Stylianos Pattakos and former colonel Nikolaos Makarezoa, are currently held in a top security jail near Piracus where they are serving life sentences for high treason. Six had been provisionally released on health grounds.

The clemency recommendation will go to the justice ministry's council of pardons in the next couple of days and will then be ratified by President Karamanlis. Political analysts here were at a loss to explain the pardon but



Gorbachev buys time to think

THE Russian Federation's latest challenge to central control, threatening to leave the Soviet Union with little more than half its planned income next year, has tended to overshadow the results of the fourth Congress of People's Deputies, the full Soviet parliament, which closed late on Thursday.

Although the official press was dominated by reports and approv-ing comment, President Gorbachev's choice for vice-president, Gennadi Yanayev, merited little more than a standard biography, suggesting that his role may be less than originally envisaged for the DEW DOCK Although Mr Gorbachev barely

scraped together the necessary two-thirds majority in some of the votes, he now has the approval of the congress (the highest legislative body in the land) for most of the constitutional changes he wanted. Above all, he now has a mandate for reconstructing the government - though depleted by and Nikolsi Ryzhkov In the end, Mr Gorbachev's greatest success at the congress

may not have been the decisions taken, but those which were not. As the congress approached, hardliners were on the offensive. The press published almost daily calls for tougher action, whether against rising crime, food short-ages, rebellious republics or a "treacherous" foreign policy. Particularly vicious campaigns

were waged against the interior minister, Vadim Bakatin (leading to his removal), against Mr Shevardnadze (bringing his resignation) and against the nationalist-dominated government in Latvia. A bloc of conservativeminded deputies persisted in demands for a state of emergency or

direct presidential rule. As the congress proceeded, the pressure for drastic action gradually subsided. Mr Shevardnadze's resignation may have

though half an hour or so was devoted to a series of blistering attacks on Latvia's threats to leave Soviet army bases without food and power, the only action taken was to "dispatch a fact-finding

An originally destructive resolution on the Gulf, demanding guarantees that Soviet troops would not be sent to the region and daily reports to parliament from January 9, became a resolution supporting current Soviet

Yet again, Mr Gorbachev has bought himself time - to think, to create new alliances and to divine once more the position of the political centre. A congress which could so easily have ended in rabid calls for the immediate deployment of armed force dispersed peacefully for the new year, leaving President Gorbachev to take any further decisions alone.

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Four plucked from sea as high winds rage on

Continued from page 1 likely drift of two people in the water and it was this information that eventually took us to the captain and the woman who had

RAF Sea Kings have already carried out two long-range rescue operations this week off the south coast of Ireland, picking up three crew members of a sinking Spanish trawler and lifting an injured seaman from a Liberian cargo ship after he was swept through an enchor cable duct.

The London Weather Centre has predicted that gales will sweep the country into 1991. Although many areas enjoyed milder weather yesterday, the weather centre said that was the lull before the

Parts of North Wales were hit by erious floods last night after hours of torrential rain. The A5 was blocked by 3ft of water near Pentrefoelas north of Betws-y-Coed. Engineers had to make

safety checks at some bridges and,

in the Conwy Valley, sandbag were used at the village of Trefrie. Gwynedd firemen received hundreds of calls to pump out flooded homes and, in the southern end of the Pwilheli, Porthmadeg and Tremadog were flooded.

Police are investigating the disappearance of a young Irishman from a cross-channel ferry. Manus Ignatius Boyle, aged 24, who lives in London, boarded the Larnebound Galloway Princess at Strangaer on Thursday, but police found no trace of the missing man when the ferry returned to Strangaer.

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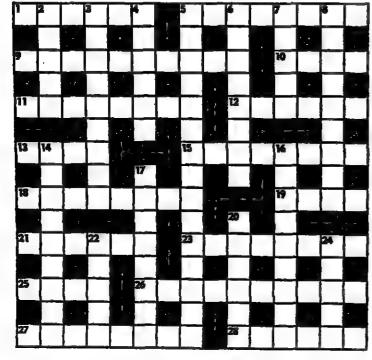
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Divers are still searching for eight men missing after a barge capsized off the coast of Finland on Thursday. Two of the crew

 At least one person was killed and 125 were injured yesterday when snow touched off a short circuit on the New York subway, causing an explosion that filled a section of tunnel in Brooklyn with heavy smoke.

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Concise crossword, page 13

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Southern England with some rain, with clearer, showery weather later. Wales and remaining parts of England will be bright with sunny spells and showers. Snow will fall over the hills from Wales northwards and there will be severe gales in the North-West. Scotland and Northern Scotland will have blizzards. Outlook: showers in many areas.

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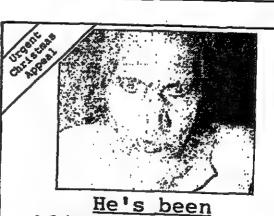
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SPORT

Forward thinking



GRAHAM Taylor would probably pick Dean Saunders (above), of Derby County, for England if he could. But Saunders, like Ian Rush and Mark Hughes, is Welsh, giving Wales the choice of three of

the best forwards in Europe. Saunders's success at Derby recently prompted his manager. Arthur Cox. to value him at £5 million, and if that seems excessive, there is little doubt that Saunders is the hottest

CALENDAR

A look ahead

THE sport-by-sport guide to the great events in the year of rugby union's second World Cup, the Ryder Cup golf match between the United States and Europe, and the world athletics champion-

COMMENT

Winter work

THE "rebel" cricketers who followed Mike Gatting to South Africa a year ago should have spent this winter there, too, but the second leg of the tour was cancelled. Richard Streeton found out how the so-called rebels intend to spend their time Page 24

COLUMN

A new wave



AT THE beginning of this year, the name of Tracy Edwards (above) was known only to followers of yachting. But her achievements with Maiden earned her wide recognition and, incidentally, an honourable mention in Laura Thompson's review of the year Page 26

YACHTING

Wind breaker

LIGHT winds along the Tasmanian coast yesterday robbed Rothmans, skippered by Lawrie Smith, of the chance to break the 15 yearold record for the Sydney to Hobart race..... Page 24

RUGBY UNION

Back again



FRENCH rugby endured a difficult 1990, but the new year could see the return of an old and disciplined figure around which to build a new international team. Pierre Berbizier (above), the veteran Agen scrum half, is back in the national squad Page 26

RACING

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Dawn journey

FRAGRANT Dawn, who landed a substantial gamble in Newbury's L'Oreal Hurdle 12 months ago, heads south in search of a repeat success at the Berkshire course today. Trained at Malton, Yorkshire, by Jimmy Fitzgerald, Fragrant Dawn will again be partnered by the in-form Mark Dwyer, who rode three winners at Carlisle yesterday Page 27

Brave Fraser nags Australia's batsmen to fatal distraction

IN MELBOURNE ANGUS Fraser sometimes seems to wear the cares of the world on his sloping shoulders as he puffs and plods his way through over after over. But the trust England have heaped on this endearingly ordinary young man was hand-somely repaid in a monumental

spell of bowling here yesterday. Fraser took six Australian wickets at a cost of only 23 runs, completing the best analysis of his young but already mature England career and gaining for his side an unexpected and precious first-innings lead of 46 in the second

Only 197 runs were scored on a day when batting became steadily more complicated. But the pitch's sluggish pace and its erratic bounce do not entirely account for some shocking lapses by the Australian batsmen. Most of the credit for these must lie with the most purposeful, disciplined bowling performance by an Eng-land side since the Trinidad Test

Fraser was at the sharp end of the operation, as, these days, he always will be. The burden on him is heavy for one playing only his tenth Test, and there have recently been times when it has told on him. But yesterday he was magnificent, taking six consecutive wickets as Australia declined from 224 for three, in mid-afternoon, to 306 all out just before the scheduled close.

In the day, Fraser bowled 26 overs for figures of six for 34, but if the word inexhaustible springs readily to mind, forget it. With the job done, Fraser was just about able to lead the team off the MCG before collapsing onto his dress-ing-room bench, dehydrated and

weary beyond words.

This was his finest day as an England player but it had not begun promisingly. On Thursday evening, Fraser had looked dis-orientated in the heat, dust and wind served up by Melbourne's fickle weather. They presented, he felt, the worst conditions he had ever bowled in, and when he turned his right ankle in the delivery stride while bowling his second ball yesterday morning, he must have suspected this was not to be his game.

To lose Fraser at that point would have been a blow to an reserve. But after a few anxious moments he resumed a spell of nine overs for five runs, setting the tone of a day which England approached with a precise plan

and stuck to it rigidly.

The strategy, simple in conception though often clusive in reality, involved frustrating the Australians by containment. Bowl straight on this turgid pitch and runs would always be restricted. Additionally, all three seam bowlers operated round the wicket



A job well done: Fraser and Russell, with six victims apjece, had plenty to smile about after Australia's dismissal for 306 in Melbourne

to the left-handers, cramping them for width and making them play at more balls than they would like.

It made for attritional cricket, engrossing to the purists in a crowd of 25,000 but bewildering to those conditioned to the one-day game. For England, however, it was a triumph, the threat of a sizeable deficit and a stressful battle to save the game now replaced by a position in which victory was a possibility.

David Boon played the first poor stroke of the day, cutting at a short, wide ball from Malcolm to give Jack Russell his second of six catches in the innings, a new England record against Australia. ever, was the retreating figure of Mark Taylor and after spending more than four hours over 61, he obliged them when something far more formidable was in prospect.

It was Phillip DeFreitas who removed him, with a ball angled in from round the wicket, an appropriate success on the day when the team management confirmed he will be staying on until the end of

Border and Jones came together shortly before lunch and this always seemed likely to be the crucial partnership, England sensed it and imaginative, challenging fields were set. Jones, nervy while still on nought, was fortunate to survive a desperate slog against Tufnell, but for a time after lunch he batted at a tempo no one else approached.

Tufnell bowled far from badly, but both Jones and Border employed twinkling footwork against him, driving vigorously and running hectically between the wickets. They put on 75 in 88 minutes before Jones was out to the first ball following the afternoon drinks break. Like Boon and Taylor before him, and Healy afterwards, better have left alone.

From then on, this was Fraser's T day. Steve Waugh played inside the line and was bowled off stump, Border's four-hour vigil ended in a legside catch to Russell and Matthews, another inhibited by the tactic of bowling round the wicket, was leg-before. The rest did not delay England long, not even Merv Hughes, summoned from his sick bed, to which he had been confined by influenza, to meet an

THIRD-DAY SCOREBOARD

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M G Hughes fire Melcolin	4	-	_	46	19
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Hisphane A R Crailer and P J Macornell.

FIRST TEST: Australia won by ten wickets.

YESTS TO COME: Third Test: Sydney, January 4-8. Fourth Test: Adelaide, January 24-28.

Fifth Test: Parth, Fabruary 1-6.

England's success may prove expensive

From Alan Lee

ENGLAND'S finest day of the tour did not pass unblemished.
They face the prospect of a heavy
fine for falling well below the
prescribed over-rate.
In eight minutes short of a full
included the prospect of the prospect down the prescribed over-rate.

six-hour day, England bowled only 77.5 overs. If they do not improve in the second innings, they could be fined Aus\$6,000, precisely the amount they would collect if they won the game.

Australian cricket pays lip-service to a 90-overs per day minimum, as the regulation has a clause permitting the batting side to come off at the scheduled time of close, no matter how many overs have been bowled.

This abuses the prime intention of any over-rate minimum, which must be to guarantee the paying spectator the amount of enter-tainment to which he is entitled. So far in this match, the batting team has declined to proceed beyond 6pm on all three days, which has cost a total of 21 overs.

England's tactics yesterday were designed exclusively to frustrate the Australian batsmen, and they worked, but this does not excuse a rate of little more than 13 overs per bour.

The touring team was also party to a mysterious incident concerning marks on the match ball, a sensitive issue since the recent allegations that Pakistan bowlers have been doctoring the ball.

It was shortly before lunch yesterday when the umpires. Tony Crafter and Peter McConnell converged for a lengthy examination of the ball and then called across the England captain, Graham Gooch.

When given the opportunity to clarify the incident at close of play, England's tour manager, Peter Lush, only added to the suspicion by conferring with Gooch before replying: "He doesn't want to say anything about this. We have no It transpires that the umpires

were reassured that the marks emanated from the wearing surface of the pitch, which the groundsman admits is now more like a fifth-day pitch than one only three days old.

Hugh Morris is to leave Australia next Wednesday and will be home in time to set out with the rest of the players he will be leading in Pakistan on the A team tour which begins on January 7.

Phillip DeFreitas, who was to have been a member of that party, is now to stay on in Australia and will be replaced by the Glamorgan bowler Steve Watkin, aged 26, who played in every championship match last season, in which he took 69 wickets at 39.30

Yesterday's rebels, page 24

Stand-outs of an outstanding year

his column never takes sport with anything less than the full portentous seriousness it deserves. Here, then, are this year's awards for the great men and women who have made the year what it was.

The Sunil Gavaskar award for doorman of the year goes to the man at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the MCG. He refused admittance to Andrew Peacock, then prime minister-elect knowing full well who he was. The award for quixotry goes to

Nathan Strange, Britain's first sumo wrestler, who fought as Hidenouki before returning, fed up with life under the sport's feudal system. Commonwealth Games hero-

ines: Pativaine Ainuu, a bowls player of Western Samoa, in trouble for shouting things like "Hit it, hit it, good girl!" to her woods, and to Soma Duta, a rifle shooter from India and a double medal winner. Team award: Liechtenstein ta-

ble tennis team, with a special mention for the player who has a wooden leg. Cricket headline of the year

"Black Baby for Gooch".

Marrilyn Williams told the Blast
of Trinidad that she wanted Gooch to adopt her child so that it would have "a better life under the Queen".

Sporting poet of the year: W. S. Cameron of Guyana, for the lines like "And Wight Cup cricket more popular and clamorous for ahwe/ Than Test cricket for alas its Guyana . . . / a pee ting ting pee

Cockup of the year: the Lord's

stands. Race relations award: Brian Close, for telling the world on television: "There's a hundred years of bloody tradition on Yorkshire lads ... by the time Oval. I mean, of course, the he's toddling he's got a bat in his Foster's Oval, don't I? During the

SIMON BARNES **ON SATURDAY**

hand. Bloody Pakistanis didn't know the damn thing."

American football match of the year: Oxford University beat Cambridge University 60-19. The universities also have such college teams as Sidney Opera House and Jesus Saves.

Disciplinary fine of the year: Bryan Hyslop, of the Great Britain amateur rugby league side, was sent off in a match against Apia in Western Samoa. He was fined one pig. World Cup coaching award: to

Valery Nepomniachy, the Si-berian coach of Cameroon: "Today is the day for meeting the wives. Footballers are also people and if a man is in discomfort for a long time it can affect his work." Golfer of the year. Mikael

Krantz, of Sweden. Playing the Irish Open in Dublin, he started at the first tee by hitting the ball and then falling over. He was recovering from a hangover at the time. "I was very silly," he said. "I was invited to an Irish party and it went on from there." He shot an 11-over-par 83, an excellent score in circumstances.

Most spectacular performance in a sporting arena: the couple from the Toronto Skydome. While watching the baseball game from the Skydome's integral hotel, they turned their attentions to each other in the mistaken impression that the glass was oneway. Did the roof move for you,

Best moment of the World Cup: Maradona's penalty miss against Yugoslavia. Sell-out of the year, the Cornhill logo on the grass at the

Oval Test, it was announced that the left bosoms of all England shirts were on sale to the highest bidder.

Batsmen of the year: shared by Devon Malcolm and Narendra Hirwani, in honour of the Campaign for Real Number Elevens. Sportsman of the year: Art Pease, aged 23 and mentally handicapped. He decided to take part in a five-mile fun run, discovered that he had accidentally lined up in the Portland Marathon, shrugged his shoul-

ders and ran every step of the course in 4hr 18min 23sec. Colemanballs of the year: Mike Gatting "I hurt my thumb and then obviously the mother-in-law died." Runner-up: an NBC com-mentator: "The Dutch boxer Ruur can speak four languages, which is amazing for someone so short."

Sponsor of the year: Jergens skin cream broke new ground by affixing their logo to uniforms of



the Memphis State University cheerleaders.

Extres (b 4, ib 12, nb 16) ...

Sponsored competition of the year. TSW Printers (Scunthorpe) Lincolnshire Football League. Their league cup is The Fire Surround and Kitchen Centre Supplementary Cup.

Baseball personality of the year: Schottzie, the St Bernard owned by Marge Schott, owner of the World Series winners, Cincinnun Reoz. Boxing story of the year: Bobby Beck split with his trainer, Beck is

12. He was trained by his father. "We just couldn't get on," the British sportsman of the year: James Lambert. He won a ski jumping event - in fact, a Nordic

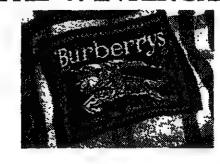
combined, which involves jumping and Nordic skiing.
Horseman of the year: the dashing rider who came third in the cross country at Potton this spring, and won £5 for doing so. This column salutes Simon Barnes

Scorecard line of the year: Chamundeswaranagh c Balasabramaniam b Anantapad-

This brings me effortlessly to my final award for Team Night-mare, It goes to Dr Feix Senanayake, who receives a bot-tle of Calém Colheitas 1957, an ambrosial tawny port. He offers two teams of genuine cricketers to contest a Test match: England: John D. Smith, Albert D. Smith, John F. Smith, John R. Smith, David R. Smith, John S. Smith, Charles R. Smith, John H. Smith, David F. Smith, John A. Smith, John B. Smith, 12th man; David C. Smith. India: R. Patel, A. Patel, C. Patel, D. Patel, B. Patel, S. Patel, N. Patel, M. Patel, O. Patel, X. Patel, Y. Patel, 12th man: N. Patel.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to a splendid competition. I wish everyone joys of the new sporting year.

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By RICHARD STREETON

A YEAR ago 16 English cricketers, led by Mike Gatting, were preparing to leave for a "rebel" tour of South Africa. Their visit aroused enormous controversy in Britain and caused civil unrest in South Africa. It was eventually brought to a premature end by the South Africans, with the second tour planned for this winter cancelled.

The players emerged between £80,000 and £120,000 richer and with a five-year ban from the international game. Officially, they remain under contract until March 31, 1991 and they still cannot comment, although privately they admit to no regrets.

"We made a perfectly legal choice to go," one said this week. "You could say, though, that we

COMMENT!

RICHARD STREETON

were surprised and disappointed by the uproar that followed." The two oldest members of the

party, David Graveney, the player-manager, who is 37, and John Emburey, the vice-captain, who is a year older, were more interested in the present merger between the two South African boards than looking backwards. "It will be great for their young players, especially the blacks and coloureds, and is another step towards South Africa coming back into the fold," Graveney

Gravency, an accountant, works during the winter for his brother's firm in Bristol, He remains treasurer of the Cricketers' Association and, having left Gloucestershire, is keeping fit for his new career with Somerset next summer. Emburey hopes for another four or five years in the first-class game but con-fessed that he "rather had his tongue in his cheek" when he said in South Africa that he hoped to regain his England place at 42 when his ban is

Since the season ended, Emburey has been engaged in charity work for leukacmia research and boys' clubs, playing for the Lord's Taverners in Hong Kong and joining Ian Botham's rocent walk. His own affairs have recently been less rewarding. The Australian recession has made a hole in the £107,000 his 1986 benefit brought him and other capital that he invested

there, and he is seeking sponsor-

ship to help with a scheme he has

for coaching in inner cities. Like all the other players, Emburey wondered if they would be barracked last summer. Apart from Gatting and myself in the Middlesex side, there was also Des Haynes, who had slowed down the over-rate so badly against England in the Caribbean last winter. In fact, we neither did anybody else who went to South Africa."

Gatting, of course, in Brisbane recently, had a harsh reminder that it is not acceptable to many people even to practise with England while banned. Gatting is in Australia working for the media. He is known to be hoping that the International Cricket Council might shorten the fiveyear ban if South Africa return to the Test scene, but this would almost certainly be unacceptable to several countries.

The only one of the party actively engaged in cricket abroad this winter is Matthew Maynard, the Glamorgan batsman, who is coaching and playing in New Zealand. Neil Foster, the Essex fast bowler, has settled down well in a new role as

Championships serve up Britain's emerging tennis talent

school. He is spending the Christmas holidays recovering from a further operation on his troublesome knee.

The similarly afflicted Gra-ham Dilley, the Worcestershire fast bowler, has deliberately been resting from regular bowling but has been working on the club's commercial side and hopes to become increasingly involved with youth coaching. Richard Ellison, the Kent all-rounder, is already in this area, working for Bromley council, coaching ten and 11-year-olds at schools.

Bruce French, the Not-tinghamshire wicketkeeper, is planning his benefit next sum-mer. Bill Athey, the Gloucestershire batsman, is coming to the end of his benefit year and has planned some cricket during private visits to Australia and Hong Kong in the new year. Tim captain, is doing promotional work for the county, as is Greg Thomas, the Northamptonshire aut bowler.

Robinson's team-mate, Chris Broad, has several interests, among them furniture importing and a fish farm. Paul Jarvis, the Yorkshire fast bowler, is unemployed. Apart from his well-publicised clashes with the club committee, he has emerged as the leading scorer in a Sunday football team that the Yorkshire cricketers use to help them keep

Kim Barnett, the Derbyshire captain, and Chris Cowdrey, of Kent, are others keeping fit but with no regular job. Alan Wells, the Sussex batsman, works with the family packaging firm in

YACHTING

Rothmans' record hopes flounder in the light winds

LIGHT winds along the designed maxi, Ragamuffin, Tasmanian coast last night owned and skippered by Syd slowed progress in the Sydney Fischer, of Sydney, compared to Hobart race and robbed the with 30 miles at one stage. British maxi entrant, Third, another 7.9 miles be-Rothmans, of her chance of hind Ragamuffin, was the beating the 15-year-old race eight-year-old Ron Hollandrecord. At 10pm local time, designed maxi, Condor, Rothmans was 97.6 miles owned by Tony Paola, of from the finish, off Schouten Island, in a dying breeze.

Rothmans, an 80-footer, skippered by Lawrie Smith and designed by Rob Humphreys for the most recent Whitbread round the world race, had also lost more than

Hall, whose Rodger Martin-designed 50-footar, New Spirit of Ipswich, was fourth on the first leg from Newport, Rhode Island, to Cape Town, has comfortably beaten Project City Kids (Jack Boye, US), who finished second on the first leg, and looks set to also head the Australian, Don McIntyre, in Sponsor Wanted, who was third

for injured Hall

Britain, nursing an injured knee, was incredible sailing; it's amazing how you get used to it."

Cape Town to Sydney stage of the BOC single-handed round knocked flat five times and in

GREAT Britain's five-game tour got off to an encouraging with his hard work and start with an 8-3 win over Belgium at Bracknell on Thurs-Mason is a tower of strength in

spell at Medway, seems to have Togliarti, prove more of rediscovered form and con-

But he already knows that
Jamie Crapper is lethal when
given a chance from close to
goal that Stephen Johnson is
one of his country's classiest
cricket score and, apart from

accumulated times to either about the deck on my second or third (Bob Ross for a week," he said.

corrected time. The corrected time leader was still the Sydney Farr one tonner, Sagacious (Gary Appleby). In second place was the muchmodified one-tonner, Anduril (David Kennedy), designed by Ed Dubois, of England. The Davidson 36, Fujitan

Sydney. Yesterday afternoon, the vachts made the most of yachts were running under spinnakers in less than 12 conditions, while the Davidknots of breeze. Although a son one-tonner, Beyond westerly of 20 to 25 knots was Thunderdome, under charter forecast, the wind in Hobart to a British syndicate headed last night was less than five by Mark Beeson, slipped back knots and a northwester of 5 one place to fourth. to 12 knots was forecast today.

Mirrabooka (John Bennetto), Relief and results

was leading class II Inter-national Measurement Sys-tem while Fujitsu Dealers was leading IMS class III. The light winds are not the only disappointment to greet Rothmans in Tasmania. The anti-smoking lobby is planning demonstrations against

Dealers (John Eyles), moved

into third place as the smaller

The Tasmanian 47-footer,

Dr Gerry Bates, a Green independent, has a member's Cape Town to Sydney stage of the BOC single-handed round the world race yesterday to move from fourth overall on secumulated times to either second or third (Bob Ross parliament to ban all tobacco Although a speedboat carry-

writes).

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"I have never wanted to get anywhere more in all my life,"
Hall said in Sydney. "It is not that I didn't enjoy it. But having to steer for nine days without to steer for nine days without to steer for nine days without to specify the steer of the ing a "Quit for Life" banner tailed Rothmans out of Sydney Heads at the race start, there was no other demonstration during her stay in Sydney.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 22.00 tarday, with make to finish): 1, Rodrames (1. Smith, GB), 87.8; 2. Regeneratin (5. Flecher), 103.2; 3. Condor (A. Paola), 117.1; 4. Brindshight (6. Snow), 122.1; 6. Robaled (6. Buch and N. Feros), 124.7. Carrectad these positions: Class 1 NOR: 1, Seguicious (G. Appleby); 2. Anduri (D. Kernedy); 3. Fujicsu Desiers (J. Eyles); 4. Beyond Transderions (M. Bessen, GB); 6. Resien (G. Krasset); 8. Chutspen (B. Taylor); 7. Mirrabook (J. Berned); 10. E. 1 Mirrabook (J. Berned); 10. E. tion during her stay in Sydney.

Belgians lacked players who made any impression on the

It is also to be hoped that more players are available for

the home side during the rest of the tour. Only 14 appeared on Thursday and some of them, because the team were last

year's strip, had someone else's name on the back of their

In fact, the whole exercise at

Bracknell gave the impression of being staged in a hurry. The there was little sense of CRICKET

Sri Lankans catch the Indians short

CUTTACK (Reuter) — Sri
Lanka gained a 36-rup victory
over India in the Asia Cup
tournament yesterday, creating
the chance of reaching the final,
Sri Lanka play Bangladesh in
the last preliminary game in
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Kapil Dev and Azharuddin Kapii Scored 32 from 35 balls and Azharuddin hit the top score of 40 after India's early progress had been disrupted by Jayasurya, who brilliantly ran out Shastri and Manjrekar. Azharuddin's 61-ball effort

stumped by Tillekeratne off Jayasurya, and the outcome was

CYCLING

An eye to the future: Ben Haran, aged 12, from Hampshire, the youngest player taking part in the qualifying for the Midland Bank British junior (16 and under) championships, scored a 6-2, 6-2 win over Ben Howarth at Telford yesterday and needs to win his second match today to take a place in the main draw, starting tomorrow

Champion tests new training

ROGER Hammond, who won cyclo-cross titles this year, re-turns to racing tomorrow at Macclesfield after a three-week absence (Peter Bryan writes). The race is a week before he defends the junior title at Harlow and the world champ-

ionship three weeks later. Hammond, aged 16, gave racing a rest after the London nship (in which he was second) to accommodate an increased a training programme

based largely on running.
He said that he is tackling the Macclesfield event to discover whether he has lost any of his riding speed. Yesterday Hammond, who

comes from Aylesbury, under-went the British Cycling Federa-tion's "Kingcycle" results will be invaluable for making any adjustments to his training in the next 12 months particularly because he has been

harmony on and off the court

A couple in

PERTH (Reuter) - The Czecho-slovak pair of Petr Korda and Regina Rajchrtova, showed romantic links are no bar to sporting success when they knocked Germany out of the

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Hopman Cup here yesterday,
Korda and Rajchrtova, just as
happy together off court as they
are on it, won their mixed
doubles 6-1, 6-3 to clinch a 2-1
victory for Czechoslovakia in this annual mixed teams

Rajchrtova let an early advantage slip to lose her singles rubber to Isabel Cueto by 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 but Korda used his aggressive serve and volley style to level the tie with a 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 success over Carl-Uwe Steeb, who took to the court only two days after the death of his father. days after the death of his father. In the day's other manch, the world doubles champion, Guy Forget, followed Catherines Tanvier's lead to send France into the next round with an unbeatable 2-0 lead over the Netherlands. Forget served 12 aces in his 6-4, 6-4 win over Michiel Schapers. Tanvier had certier beaten Manon Bollegraf by 6-3, 6-4.

Forget and Tanvier now play

Forget and Tanvier now play Spain, the second seeds, who are represented by Emilio and Arantia Sanchez. Korda and Rajchtrova will play Zina Garrison and David Wheaton, of the United States and Monday. United States, on Monday. RESULTS: Piret round: Czechostovalde Germany 1 (Czech names Grad; michrone tost so I Cuero, 8-2-2-6, 4-6;

Kortis bt C-U Stevic, 5-3, 2-5, 5-2; notes and Rejorations bt Stevic and Cueto, 6-1, 6-3. France 2, Netherlands 1 (Franch 1994), 1-3, 1-4, 6-4; G Forget bt M Schepers, 6-4, 8-4; Porget and Tenvier lost to Schepers and Bollegraf, 8-5 (best of 15 single set). ₩ bi C-U S

India also in Calcutia.

India, also in Calcutta.

Chasing a target of 215 for SALL OF WICKETS 1-51, 2-62, 3-86, 4-victory, India were bundled out 159, 5-162, 5-160, 7-181, 6-191, 9-214. came to an end when he was

effectively decided when Rumesh Ratnayake knocked over Kapil's off stump. Sri Lanka won the toss and

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over Kapil's off stump.

Sri Lanka won the toss and skipper Ranatunga, who scored 53, and left-handed Gurusinha added 73 for the fourth wicket. The visitors were all out for 214.

EQUESTRIANISM

Speedy Whitaker Stumps Le Jeune MECHELEN, Belgium – Michael Whitaker covered his expenses for the post-Christmas show at the Nekkerhal, normally used as a vegerable mass. MECHELEN, Belgium – Michael on Thursday evening behind Annick Bijloos, of Belgium, on Adora, was moving on when Everest Minka lowered the mality used as a vegerable mass.

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Cup yesterday on Henderson
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He recorded the fastest clear round from the 23 riders who went into the barrage out of a field numbering more than twice as many.

Philippe Le Jeune, of Bel- years. gium, riding Martini Dry for the sponsors of the competition and going first, set a standard so fast that only Whitaker, going halfway through the barrage, could

Exactly how well the British rider was going, could be told by reading Le Jeune's face while he sat at the sponsor's table in the VIP stand.

Robert Smith, on Brook Street Vanessa, did not hurry

Bijloos, aged 21, who has shown good form at the junior and young rider level was somewhat of a surprise winner, particularly as Miss Edgar and her mother, Liz, both in the field, had won the two previous

However, the eight-year-old Adora, by Pion, was more than a second faster than the British combination.

Veronique Whitaker, riding faster, but a fence down cost the one-time Belgian junior rider a chance of glory in the country of

making any adjustments to his training in the next 12 months particularly because he has been named for Britain's road racing squad in addition to being on the national cyclo-cross squad.

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The club that has inspired adventure and scattered its stardust the Baa-Baas against Trans-vaal in Johannesburg. He Davies describing his village's of these Barbarian mission-

By Ken Lawrence

day, but it is doubtful if the

He will have been impressed

with the goaltending of Gary Brine, who, after an unhappy

fidence since joining Bracknell.

coach, Alex Dampier, learnt

HE WAS 20 years old, a young rugby player with Cardiff; prodigious predictions were being made for him, but in 1951 he was yet to be capped by his country. It was a tradition, then, however, as indeed it remains today, for the Barbarians always to "We finally reached Cardiff almost all of them standing choose an uncapped player - again at 4.15 in the morning and all cheering."

and for this particular match. There was nothing to do Morgan remember. Morgan was that choice.

decker bus from his Rhondda was an honoured Barbarian, a forward, a coal miner, a part- with a six on the back and then time undertaker and a poet", ("When they changed the and they caught the eight numbering") the No. 10 shirt o'clock train to Paddington. A that was to be immortalised by

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IN VIEW

THE WEEK

ICE HOCKEY

Few lessons learned at Bracknell

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

The Belgians, most of whom

will be in their team in Copen-

hagen next March, were dis-appointing and it is to be hoped that the Soviet club, Lada

back home, the 6.15."

Valley village to Cardiff giant with Cardiff, his only There he met up with Cliff club, and a brilliant fly-half for Davies "a great front-row Wales wearing first a shirt

vaal in Johannesburg. He recalls "Leading the team out and turning to throw the ball to someone behind me but to someone behind me but there was no-one there. The lads had all staved back and I be will remember much, much the same time."

Davies describing his village's of these barbarian mission aries. For 100 years they have describes: "It is ballet, opera and he is at pains to stress that it came inside from Dawes. and sheer murder." And, with tomorrow's Rugby Special and sheer murder. "And, with tomorrow's Rugby Special and the same time out" and tomorrow on BBC2, the will remember much, much their risk-taking free-flowing if you win or lose as long as inevitably — that most dramatically and think at the same time".

Derek Quinnell is hazy about was there alone before this

Morgan remembers his cap-Bedford, "P. B. H. Moore, He rose before six to catch It was all so different eight later to become Lord Moore

packed Ellis Park stadium Barbarians.

at Bedford 40 years ago, Cliff except wait for the first bus tain on that first appearance at endearing speaker, be it at a eccentric club that has inthe seven o'clock double- years later. By then Morgan and the Queen's private sec- person better fitted to recount years."

There is no more enchant- matches and magical tries. ing companion than Cliff Above all this unique club has Morgan CBE, no more been as Morgan puts it "an rugby dinner or a memorial spired adventure and scatservice, and there could be no tered its standard for 100

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Fourth day of the second Test at Melbourne. You can pick it up on Sky One if you are up and about before 7am. Otherwise it is highlights. BBC1 has its 30-minute offering at around 12.30pm in Grandstand which also features what promises to be another pulsating rugby league Regal Trophy semi-final, an all-Lancastrian metch between Wiches and Warnington. Eurosport (11am) has a Parts to Daker raily preview and terms from Perth, the third day of the Hopman Cup.

O'clock train to Paddington. A that was to be immortalised by London tube carried them to himself and later by Gareth St Pancras, then another train and Barry and Phil; the subto Bedford. Together the ject of legend in Max Boyce young Cliff and the older one walked to the ground, played their match and then walked his last bigtime appearance—the interest of the significant time of the si

more in A Century of style, the world's most majestic players; memorable

old saying "Nothing ventured, left five All-Blacks flat-footed Gareth Edwards, seventh

Williams was high tackled, but gracefully insists today that it was not intended and in turn found John Pullin, the Lions' hooker. Pullin says and the time that Lene (ITV. 4.50pm), which allows you to wetch racing from Chestenham before on 98C (12.30pm) and highlights attenwards of the one-day intermetional (7.10pm).

WEDNESDAY: If there is a tougher rally than the Parts to Dates them was not intended and in turn found John Pullin, the Lions' hooker. Pullin says now that the only thing wrong ow that the only thing wrong with the try was that an own memor it not to Mark Thetcher, who was once lost in the desert willed to consesting this 8,500-mile event. Eurosport (10pm) follows the cars as they head for Tangler: Screensport has an hour (10-11am).

THURSDAY: Termits and the final of the Hopman Cup from Perth (Eurosport 2-0pm). Cricket and the opening day of the third Test between England and Australia from Sydney (11.30pm and throughout the night).

FREDAY: Eurosport (9pm) puts the British golden Olympian. Adrian thought was to get up in rugby history.

Another famous Barbarian. For Morgan, Barbarian support and his second to pray Tony O'Reilly, of Ireland, rugby is "the stuff of dreams", that he didn't drop the ball as describes: "It is ballet, opera and he is at pains to stress that it came inside from Dawes.

you play with skill, elegance and gallantry."

Welshman J. P. R. Williams considered Barbarian Blacks in 1973. Phil Bennett, "down by my bootlaces", but make the same time same rugby "a joy to play" because under pressure near the that it had at least "made me "he believes fervently" in that Barbarian line collected; he famous".

nothing gained ... winning is before finding J. P. R. man in the Magnificent Seven recalls his momentous dive for the line "as feeling as



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stringent test of the season in Durham — Eamonn Martin. Gary Staines, Ian Hamer, Mark Rowland — though, next year, there may be more to run for Senior officials of the English

Cross Country Union and the

UK Cross Country Commission

are trying to tempt television into greater interest next winter

by dividing the world champ-ionship trials into two, with part

Matt Frazer, an official on both bodies, said: "We would like to link Durham and the trial, by saying that the winner

and second in Durham would

gain selection into the world

championships. We feel we need two TV spots to keep cross country in front of our young

people. It is something we will

be pursuing."
Martin and Staines will start

as favourites in the main event, the 8,000 metres. John Ngugi, four times the world champion,

is included, but rarely impresses

this early in the season. ITV's

lack of interest leaves Steve

Overs free to run against Peter Elliott and Jens-Peter Herold in

the 3.000 metres, although Tim Hutchings, another athlete-cum-commentator, has with-drawn from the 8.000 metres.

The women's 3,000 metres has lost its main attractions. Andrea

one at Durham.

ATHLETICS

The cross country

world looks for

a TV square deal

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ONE would believe from terrestrial television's coverage of cross country that the season in Britain starts and ends with the Durham international meeting will be going through their first

at the university playing fields today. ITV, which has the exclusive contract to cover atheries, has abandoned cross country. Track and field, yes; track and fields no.

BBC, which is showing an hour of Durham on Grand-stand, has no domestic plans beyond this afternoon. If you

want to see the high spots of the season, the United Kingdom

championships and the men's English national, you will need to be in Basingstoke on Feb-ruary 9 and Luton a fortnight later. Understandably, British

cross country officials are con-

Prompted by conspicuous failure in last winter's world championships, Britain has restructured the season to give athletes who qualify from the

trials time to recover. For the

first time, too, an emissary has

been sent to the world champ-

ionship venue in Antwerp to

ensure that Britain's trial course

produces a team suited to running well there on March 24. The Commonwealth Games,

which removed many athletes

from the last winter season, received much of the blame for

Britain's ninth in the men's event and fifteenth in the wom-

en's, but there was more to it than that a trials date too close to the championship, and hills

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HOW often, during the Eight-ies, must successive England managers have looked longingly at Ian Rush and thought As Graham Taylor, the present national team manager, ponders in the months and years ahead who might succeed Gary Lineker, never mind partner him, he may find himself thinking, if he

has not already done so, just as wishfully about another great Welsh goalscorer, Dean Saunders. The difference is that Saunders, aged 26, possibly the hottest property in British football, could have played for England. It is a little known fact that Roy Saunders, the father of Dean and once a professional him-

self with Liverpool and

Swansea City, was born in Salford and, furthermore,

played for England youth. However, Dean was born in Swansea and was too much of a Weishman to contemplate playing for the land of his father. Besides, when Saunders made his debut for Wales, in March 1986, few would have predicted that this free-scoring, lightweight forward, then playing in the second division with Brighton and Hove Albion, would make made such a powerful impact on the English game.

in the art of goalscoring, Saunders, has few peers, though his dearest wish is to be thought of with the same reverence as Rush and Lineker. Some would say that Saunders, who has scored 13 goals this season, already is as a recent valuation of the player of £5 million by Arthur Cox, his manager at Derby County, might indicate.

That sort of figure was quoted more in order to deter bidders than tickle their fancy, though as Saunders's fame continues to spread it is inevitable that Cox will eventually be forced to part with a player whom he said he would not swap for anyone in

CLIVE WHITE

Europe. Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, is of no doubt that Saunders could be one of British football's more successful exports "because he'd go there and learn".

Saunders is one of football's more dedicated professionals, due in part to the encouragement he receives from a critical father and his own determination to overcome a serious knee injury at the age of 18 and to prove certain people wrong about

John Bond will not need reminding that he gave Saunders a free transfer when he was manager of Swanse It was a decision which still rankles with Saunders, too, but it has had a stimulating effect upon him in much the same way as others who have received their rejection slips like Peter Beardsley, Kevin Keegan and Chris Waddle.

"I'd scored 14 goals that season. I was only 19 and carning next to nothing. There was no reason for him to give me a free transfer," Saunders said. He may not have been aware, though, that every penny received by Swansea had to be passed on to Liverpool, to whom they were still heavily in debt at the time, "Bond was really doing Dean a favour, Yorath said.

His father, however, remains the biggest influence on his career. "He's taught me searly everything I know," Saunders said. "When you're a forward you tend to develop a way of hitting the ball. My dad worked with me a lot in that

His father still keeps a careful eye on him, even travelling abroad to watch him play for Wales on occa-sion. "He still tells me if I'm doing something wrong or differently from normal, but usually I know now," he said. one of those boys who listen



Maxwell's silver hammer: Saunders, though, appears to have embarked on a footballing career paved with gold

As an apprentice, Saunders would spend hours practising kicking a ball against a wall behind the grandstand at the Vetch Field to help improve his volleying. "Even now, if I find myself not striking a ball cleanly in matches or in training I go back to the wall," he said.

"He can probably do more with a football than many people recognise," Yorath said. "Shooting-wise be is very accurate. I've seen him standing on a training ground for 15 to 20 minutes and repeatedly hit the ball against

"He's very easy to work with, a great enthusiast. He is

to what you're saying. He also likes to be involved in team play, which helps, especially at international level,"

Dedicated to the art of perfection

Like all great goalscorers Saunders is single-minded and undeterred by failure. He has a simplistic attitude towards his job. "I play to score goals," he said. "I don't play to make crosses; I'd be worth nothing as a winger. I avoid tackles rather than make

His pace is undoubtedly one of his assets and it is hardly surprising, therefore, that he has the utmost respect for Des Walker, of Nottingham Forest, reputed to be the quickest defender in the English game. Saunders main-

tained that there were a lot of I pay £1 for them or £1 quick central defenders about, but "Des is clever as

Apart from his father, the Derby manager has been the biggest influence on his career and, he insisted, life in general. Saunders has a reputation in the Welsh dressingroom for being a bit of artist

of the sketching kind. But Cox knew nothing of that, "I wouldn't have a conversation with him about anything else but football," he said in deadly seriousness.

In Cox, the player has found someone ever ready to help him attain those stendards to which he constantly line. And you know what, aspires. "I don't care whether sometimes he does."

million, it matters to me that they improve," Cox said. You must never let them think you're satisfied, otherwise they get complacent. You have to find ways to find

fault with them." Cox said that he gives Saunders videos of matches only in which he has done badly - "to give him a kick up the backside, you see". Cox is still trying to encourage him to bring his team-mates into play when the opposition's back four have Derby penned in their own half. "But the little bugger thinks he can score on his own from the halfway

World's choice is tale of two cities

THE fourth world championstaged in either Gothenburg or Stuttgart. No other bids have been made and the deadline for applications is only two days

Following Athens's failure to secure the 1996 Olympic Games, the Greek capital was thought to be preparing a bid but, by yesterday, nothing had been received by the Inter-national Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in London.

An IAAF spokesman said:
"The only formal bids we have received are from Stuttgart and Gothenburg. We have sent a fax today to the Greek federation to

looking doubtful." The deadline for the championships, to be staged in 1995, is December 31. The host city will be chosen at an IAAF council meeting in Tokyo in May. The third world championships in Tokyo will be the highlight of

Olympic 5,000 metres champion, is to compete in the Reebok international cross country event at Mallusk,

County Antrim on January 5. Mark Rowland, the winner of the Olympic steeplechase bronze medal, will also take part. The event is part of the IAAF world cross country challsee if they want to make a bid on enge series, £50,810 in prize-behalf of Athens, but it is money.

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FESTIVE FORTUNES THERE CHACE-NO-SCORE MANY-MINE year's absence. Belfield, who is sull a junior and was the second placed Briton in the European junior championships earlier this year, achieved his record of 49min 35sec when only 17.

Mark Cawood, last year's winner, should provide Belfield with some stiff opposition.

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FA ban in prospect for Adams

THE Arsenal captain, Tony last week on drink-driving charges, could face a Football

The FA confirmed yesterday that it had recieved a police report on Adams's alleged gesture to supporters in the match at Queen's Park Rangers

by the FA's disciplinary committee the week after next, when Adams could be charged with bringing the game into disrepute. If found guilty, he could receive a ban which would further extend his absence from the Arsenal team.

But the FA confirmed that Adams's conviction will play no Bobby Mimms, the Totten-

 Bobby Mimms, the Tottenham Hotspur reserve team goal-keeper, is to join Blackburn Rovers, of the second division, in a £300,000 deal. Mimms, a former England under-21 international, is expected to make his defensive formation and duly when he fielded a same respect that he did Arsenal recently when he fielded a defensive formation and duly defensive formation and duly defensive formation and duly defensive formation and duly seconds. national, is expected to make his senior debut in the FA Cup third round tie next weekend against Liverpool at Ewood Park.

Birmingham City yesterday completed the signing of the last thing Liverpool will want to West Ham United forward, do is to encourage Palace to Earnoun Dolan, for £30,000.

 Eddie Bishop, the midfield player, is set to make his Chester City debut at Fulham after signing from Tranmere Rovers for a club record £70,000 last

Crystal Palace have lifted imposed on the former England under-21 player following an alleged argument with his colleague, Andy Gray, has also been reduced.

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Duncan and Robert Allso
to reach the semi-finals.

The Palace punch bag is now a prize fighter

By CLIVE WHITE

CRYSTAL Palace, afforded no more respect than a punch bag less than a year ago, will tomorrow attempt to convince a nationwide television audience that they should be taken seriously as championship contenders when they take on the champions themselves, Liverpool, at Selhurst Park. It was eight months as

the "beg" decided to hit back and sensationally knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup in one of the most thrilling semi-finals in memory. Still viewed as a half-season wonder following their replay defeat to Man-chester United in the final, Palace this season have turned themselves into an uncom-promising side who demand respect from the best.

forseited the team's unbeaten record. With forwards of the calibre of lan Wright and Mark Bright in the opposition's line-up, kniee injuries permitting, the last thing Liverpool will want to an tascie.

Only four Palace players are beaten in nine League games at home this season and should Arsenal suffer an unlikely defeat at home to a rejuvenated Shef-field United today, then Palace could move into second place. three points off the pace, with a victory tomorrow. They might, however, end up doing Arsenal

an even b selves, should Arsenal win too.
But Steve Coppell, their manager and a Liverpudian, is the last person who would take anything for granted against the champions. "When you talk about Liverpool you are still talking about teachers and pupils. We are facing the biggest test in the first division, we have to see if we are up to it," he said. Both sides were struggling to get players fit yesterday after the busy Christmas period but, as always, Liverpool are better equipped to handle absenterism. Peter Beardsley and Ronnie Whelan, who both missed ager and a Liverpudlian, is the

nie Whelan, who both missed the 1-1 draw against Queen's Park Rangers on Boxing Day, are still having treatment for injuries and Ronnie Rosenthal, who scored two against Southampton last Saturday, and Steve Staunton, stand by to

likely to carry into the game the mental scar of that 9-0 loss to Liverpool in September of last year and none of them are defenders. The FA Cup victory did much to heal the memory for Wright, Bright, Thomas and

Palace's virtues, built around the composed figure of Andy Thorn, a player with sweet FA Cup memories when it comes to Liverpool. He and Eric Young, his former Wimbledon colleague, will have their central defensive duties, however, severely tested by Ian Rush, who proved at Loftus Road this mean though he did not week, even though he did not been better.

Palace announced yesterday that they have lifted the suspen-sion which they imposed upon Mark Dennis, their former England under-21 full back, for a dispute involving Gray. A fine, which the club also levied on Dennis, has been reduced. Dennis, aged 29, is at the FA's Lilleshall rehabilitation centre reported to be two weeks away

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

First division Arsenal v Sheffield Utd Groves faces a line finess dest. and with Rocastin and Campbell

Coventry v Norwich The Denish forward, Mortensen, could make his first League appearance of the

Everton v Derby County Cottee is left out again by Everton, while McCail (stormach strain) is doubtful. Shilton, who missed his first League game of the season on Boxing Day against Arsenal, is again doubtful for Dayler.

Leeds • Wunbledon unchanged team white Wimbledon expect injury doubts concerning Phelan, Scales and Fasharus to clear.

Luton v Chelsea With Hughes Injured and Harvey doubtful, Luton add Ress and James to the squad.

Manchester Utd v A Villa Robson may play his third game in seven days after his five-month lay-off. Villa could bring in Callaghan after his three-month

Notten Forest v Man City Forest draft in Gaynor and Wilson in place of the injured Jernson and Hodge. Heath is set to return for City in place of the injured Clarke.

OPR ▼ Sunderland -Pangers will wait for figness into on Peacock and Simon before naming their squad. Gabbledini, who has a busined knee, is expected to miss a his first Langua come of the assess for

Soton v Tottenham Southempton hope to have Case and Osman fit to play, but may still rely on the team that beat Manchester City. Transmit

REAL TENNIS

to eat his words WITH half of the first division

programme completed, those clubs on the periphery of the championship race will enter today's games mindful of the consequences of defeat.
Although Leeds United,
Tottenham Hotspur, Chelsea,

and Manchester United can continue to claim, with some justification, that they are still contesting this season's title, they will be hoping that English rather than trepidation. Alex Ferguson, the thon, not a sprint. Four weeks ago, Howard Wil-kinson, the Leeds United man-

ager, adopted a typically realistic stance when he declared the championship had already been reduced to a two-borse race between Liverpool and Arsenal.

He dismissed his own club's chances of winning the first and second division titles in successive seasons, but a Leeds victory over Wimbledon at Eliand Road today may lead Wilkinson to reappraise the

ntuation.
Since losing at home to
Queen's Park Rangers on October 20. Leeds have remained unbeaten in 13 games, winning seven and drawing three of the ten League fixtures during an impressive nine weeks of consis-

If the Yorkshire club can avoid defeat today they will succeed in bridging a 12-year gap, for Jimmy Adamson was in charge on the last occasion United went 14 games without defeat.

With Liverpool playing at Crystal Palace in a televised game tomorrow afternoon. point of the defending cham-pions if they can defeat Sheffield United at Highbury today in a at Goodison Park. same which is not quite the After failing to win any of

their opening 16 League games, which is the poorest start to a

PALAMOS, Spain: Christmas Register (with-next criv): Solitor, Fivet race: Peccurros (Fr), Beet British placings: 11, Pyest, Howtons and Cramp: 15, Cheries, Crookchanis, and Gower; 19, Bowman, Ingram and Michots. Flying Delchause: Finst race: Steed and Bowers (98). Other British placings: 11, Henderson and Harrop, Laleinane: Mass: First race: Formarder (89). Bhitish: 8, M Wennas; 8, H Plumb, 18, J Hustchroft. Second race: Fust race: P Way (98). Second race: Plust race: P Way (98). Second race: P Way, She: Second race: Alternal and Vars (So). Arth. Mass: Seman Research and Thoray; 19, 1 1 Iroth set A Rice. Missens Bassed uses: La Brun and Barro (Fr). British: 15, D Jarvis and B Burnhard. Essage: Faste (Hart). Shelling 24, L De Lught; 27, K Hedgecock; 28, T Jordan. Place: This face: 8 Westerquard (Den); 5, 8 Delcharty, (CD). Color Intake; 7, R Lot. 17, N Caspie, Trist (Jales: 3 races); 7, E Calchering, 26, 7pts.

Wilkinson hoping After defeating Nottingham

Forest at Bramall Lane last weekend, they moved to the Omniture of Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day to collect three more points at the expense of Luton Town, and with Deane, the club's most accomplished individual player, now striking the target with welcome regularity, the trip to Highbury is being

> Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, still believes his side capable of returning the championship to Old Trafford after an absence of 23 years, but his side's run of one defeat in 14 games will have to year if he is to succeed where a string of illustrious predecessors have failed.

Ferguson may well decide to rest Robson, the former England captain, against Asion Villa at Old Trafford as he fears that prove a little too demanding fo an ageing player who has only recently recovered from an inprematurely his colourful

Peter Reid, the Manchester City manager, despite successive defeats by Crystal Palace pected to make any significant changes for the game against inconsistent Noningham Forest at the City Ground.

"Two defeats is not the end of the world, but you do not like to lose your rhythm," he said. Everton, having eased their relegation worries by defeating Asion Villa on Wednesday, will improve their precarious pos-nion if they can overcome fellow strugglers Derby County

"It is no longer a case of formality it may have seemed a Sheffield United plus one other cam being relegated. Things have changed over the past few days," Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, said. season in the club's history. Tottenham's league season United rediscovered the sort of could hinge on the outcome of today's game against Southamp-

> TRIATHLON Sprint event

a big splash

(lan Sweet writes).
In triathlon terms the Truman

starts with

around 50 minutes.

THE Telford Tinman, which begins tomorrow in the 13 lanes of the indoor pool at the Madeley Sports Centre, has attracted 275 competitors, the maximum possible, with more than 100 oriest turned away

Matthew Belfield, the course record holder, returns after a 21Ps \$27/s Ps. not possible

Matches played 22nd December 1990

IN BRIEF FOR THE RECORD

Jansher 18 ranked top

JANSHER Khan, of Pakistan, has finished 1990 not as only world squash champion but also as the No. I player.

In the end-of-year men's rankings, Jansher heads a top ten comprising three Pakistanis, five Australians, a Scot and an Englishman. The sole newcomer Rodney Eyles, of Australia. REAL TENNIS: Tim Cockroft, who is better known as a rackets

who is better known as a rackets player, reached the quarter-finals of the Duncan Lawrie British under-24 championship at Queen's Club by beating the Canford professional, Marcus Owens, 6-0, 6-5. • Ronald and Tim Hall are firm favourites to take the Learnington fathers and sons tournament after an emphatic victory over

Duncan and Robert Allsop, 5-0,

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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Ring-rusty Celtic Chief no match for My Young Man at Newbury

t the beginning of 1990, I did not know what Paul Gascoigne looked like. I suppose I thought that Brut aftershave would always be advertised by Henry Cooper running along a road beside Kevin Keegan; no. what I really thought was that all stocks of Brut - which is so Seventies that it was only worn by men wearing shark-fin lapels, watching It's a Knockout and eating Alphabetti Spaghetti -- had, on January 1, 1980, been quietly consigned to a great green bottle bank.

At the beginning of 1990, Tracy Edwards was just a girl I had been to school with (yes, that is the truth). Mike Tyson and Sieffi Graf were invincible. The two B Robson Esquires were permanent fixtures in an England team that was still regarded with that rather enjoyable pre-Italia '90 mixture of possessiveness and contempt. Gary Lineker had not yet grown a halo above his head, Chris Waddle had not yet had his Kajagoogoo hair mown from his head. Bjorn Borg was a Swedish businessman who played tennis rather well in his spare time, on his spare islands. Nigel Mansell had not yet taken up retiring as a hobby. Benn meant Tony and Eubank meant carpet sweepers; and didn'i David Sole used to be Hutch, in Starsky and Hutch, and wasn't Roger Mulla King of the Road?

Most amazing of all to remember, at the beginning of 1990, British players were thought to be no good at tennis. Now, of course, we know better. In fact, they are all fabulously talented but they are hampered in their native brilliance by nasty courts, nasty coaches and nasty foreign tennis players, like Germans, Swedes and Americans, all of whom are hell-bent on sabotage.

There are certain major series that for some reason stick out in my memories of 1990. The first of these - probably and lovely legitimate excuses to be because I watched it on Sky Television - biased and emotional while virulently England played in the West Indies. My the same thing, especially when they family had acquired The Great White were Argentina. An encyclopaedia of Dish and I skipped home to watch the memories here, all evoked embarrasswhole thing with obsessive interest, ingly easily and inevitably by the sound Highlights included Viv Richards eating of Nessum Dorma. The regular nightly his way through 500 packets of chewing gum, England having a brainstorm and winning the first Test, Guyana having a in that silly pull-out wall chart; not filling rainstorm and obliterating the second in the result of West Germany v



Test and - most memorably of all. because of the way in which the Yorkshire accents always overlapped with the sound of a steel band advertisements for Tetley's Bitter after

Then I became obsessed with the rugby union grand slam matches. Each game found me emitting increasingly impressed gasps of excitement as England just seemed to get better and better, until they suddenly got worse. I particularly remember a moment when Peter Winterbottom emerged with the ball from a ruck, or some such scrambly affair, he was near the side of the pitch and the television view revealed no one to whom he could make an outside pass. Suddenly - it was just like something in a cartoon, like the Road Runner bird, you could almost hear the vroom and screech of the sound effects - Rory Underwood flashed into the shot, relieved Winterbottom of the ball and sped sure-footedly down the wing. Thinking that it would sharpen my pleasure when England cruised to their comfortable win, I watched the Calcutta Cup match with a Scotsman, who by the end of the game had inflated to twice his normal size with national pride; it was as if he had within him a tartan bicycle pump.

canwhile, my own behaviour grew less and less gracious, probably because, like most people, I find sporting patriotism acceptable only when I am the person evincing

Which brings me to the World Cup was the series of Test matches that condemning other countries for doing appointment with the television screen while the sun still burned outside; filling

England: the men — Jimmy and Terry and Greavsie and Rodney — all sounding off about absolutely anything while Graham kept his mouth shut - a diplomat. Watching the final to a constant stutter of tutting and "absolutely ridiculous" and "what on earth

?" and (my father, penetratingly)
"they're playing for penalties"; Gascoigne's robust little hops and skips and incomparably placed passes; Lineker shaking his head in darkly disgusted reproach at the referee who booked Gascoigne and made him the Most Famous Man in England; David Platt, his face melty with sunshine, his Tintin haircut and his arms both aloft as he ran down the pitch after scoring the goal against Belgium: this last has remained my favourite memory of the year.

ther memories of 1990 are disjointed - literally flashbacks. I remember the first rugby league international against Australia and Ellery Hanley's distinctive silhouette kicking the ball into the air, storning towards it and leaping, graceful as gazelle, to cradle it in his arms. remember Nigel Mansell's "retirement" dehydrated as usual, glugging water like Lawrence of Arabia, he threw his gloves into the crowd like a sulky old stripper and sloped off towards the Isle of Man, with his head hanging somewhere be-tween his pectorals and his hair plastered in a perfect diagonal across his forehead. I remember Gary Newbon's "interviews" after the Benn-Eubank fight: "Marry me, Karron . . . Karron, marry me . . . this man is hard . . . but I am a

pugilist . . ." I remember a newspaper carrying the sports headline: "Peter Beardsley - The Man Behind the

Of course, I remember the obvious things as well, Faldo and Backley and Hendry, and Jimmy White padding round the snooker table on his old plates of meat to recent and popular victory; but best of all I remember Boxing Day, at Kempton, the old grey horse and the improbable victory. The end of the year is the time for sentiment; and Desert Orchid is assuredly still the worthiest recipient of such feelings, despite this having been a year of memorable human

RUGBY UNION

Richmond to place mid-season crisis firmly behind them

THE last month will probably Tom Hudson, the former Bath ert Rakison, and as secretary memorable in Richmond's invitation that David Robson, 129-year history Apart from who resigned with Hudson losing a series of matches, they from Bath's coaching panel also lost their coach, their during the summer, has management-committee helped at a recent Richmond chairman, their secretary and training night and will cona couple of useful players tinue to help whenever he can. which, if not a mid-life crisis, certainly constitutes a midseason one for a club which Richmond side beat Harlestarted 1990-1 in such con- quins by a point immediately fident mood.

his coaching skills to Bristol where Richmond are due to play today. With him went Hilliard said, but he is boping Will Waghorn, the centre, and that spirit can be elevated by Paul Gutteridge (prop) though four days' warm-weather neither are due to play against training in Lanzarote before

settled on David Hilliard, heath, lately of Basingstoke and The administration of the whose qualifications include club has changed too, with the the study of sports physiology resignation as management-at Bath University alongside committee chairman of Rob-

It was rewarding for both

Davids, then, to see the young before Christmas; it was nei-Among the departures was ther the greatest of games nor Rob Cunningham, the former the greatest of Hariequins Scotland B hooker, who took XVs but success of any kind was welcome just then. "As a team we lack experience," league fixtures resume on The coaching mantle has January 12, against Black-

France likely to recall Berbizier

Berbizier will return to international rugby in the new year, possibly as capiam (David Hands writes).

Berbizier, the Agen scrum half, was dropped after the beavy defeat against England in Paris last February, but was restored to the national squad last month and stands to resume the leadership from Serge

keen that Berbizier should play Leicester but the invitation was initially rejected by the player's

THERE is increasing specula-tion, fuelled by the two French-men who played on Wednesday

Had been paired at half back.

Frank Mesnel and JeanBapuste Lafond, the Racing Club pair, certainly repaid the cost of the air fare from Paris in their contribution to the 26-21 victory over Leicester. Mesnel believes that Berbizier's return is imminent, and were that to be so, it would be against Scotland, last season's champions, in

Paris on January 19.
The scrum-half berth was not Henri Sanz or Aubin Hueber during the remainder of 1990, and the change in France's coach strengthens the possibility of Berbizier's recall. He and Daniel Dubroca, successor to Jacques Fouroux as coach, were an effective partnership during the mid-1980s when Dubroca

not go down as the most coach. It was at Hilliard's of Keith Cresswell, both through pressure of business though the latter is remaining in place until a successor can be found. The new chairman is Tony Hallett, a member of the Rugby Football Union's executive committee and a useful individual to have at

But Richmond are looking at the employment of a fulltime administrator, who can work in the two important areas of sponsorship and recruitment. "We have an enormous catchment area, but we haven't the relationship with the town that perhaps we might," Graham Tardif, Richmond's president, said.

Proof of that pudding can be seen every Sunday when some 350 youngsters gather to play mini-rugby at Richmond, also in the successful women's club at the Athletic ground. If Richmond, the average age of whose senior XV is just under 23, can string together results in the new year in the same way they managed when 1990 opened, then the closing months of that year may become no more than a bad

memory. Bristol will welcome their visitors today with a XV including Paul Collings normally a No. 8 - at flanker, but both clubs field sides reasonably close to full strength. That is not the case elsewhere: Harlequins, for instance, take a team to Cardiff which omits all their Englandsquad members and yesterday lost David Pears from standoff half with a back injury. Peter, the youngest of the three Thresher brothers, makes his debut at lock and Paul Challoner, an England Schools cap, makes his first appearance at stand-off in

Swansea backs get a rest By DAVID HANDS

THE Anglo-Weish fixture list, which began to be diluted when league rugby came to lingland, is now suffering further. Swanses, for instance, prefer to rest most of their back division for today's game against Bath, in view of their New Year's Eve commit-ment against Lisuelli.

Harlequins are in Wales the beat Hariequins are in Wales the beat match in the principality is between resurgent Newport and resplendent Neath at Rodney. Parade. It is "only" a friendly but the clubs meet again in the Schweppes Welsh Cup fifth round on January 26; Neath are the cup holders and they will have ground advantage. Newport will field Kevin Moseky at the Parade. The former Pontynool lock joined

Moseley at the Paracle, The former Pontypool lock joined them this month and would have made his debut on Boxing Day but rain washed out the match with Newbridge; he will be eligible to play league rugby after the first division games against Penarth and Ebbw Vale.

Neath and Newport are the only unbeaten sides in the Heineken League, Newport after seven games and Neath after ten in the premier division. Neath have not lost to Welsh opposition in 51 games and Gareth Evans, the Newport coach, said: "We want to take that Neath record and win both

our games against them.

"We are good enough to survive in the premier division next season but what these games with Next will show us to what the season but will show us to what the season but will show us to what will show us to what will show us to what will show us to season so whether we are good should be supplied to the state of the is whether we are good enough to compete for the title."

It is rare at this time of year

for a club to field the same XV on consecutive days but that is Cardiff's ambution against Hericans. The side that teat Pontypridd on Boxing Day will be led out by Mark Ring again and John Scott, the Cardiff manager, said: "We have put faith in that side because we thought they deserved another thought they deserved another chance together. If we want to look at these players we can't base our assessment on one

David Wright, once of Poaty-pool, briefly of Lencester and now with Nottingham, makes his senior debut at scrum half against Northampton at Guy Gregory and although Not-tingham rest their internationals. Hodgkinson, Rees and Gray, they restore Hackney

Trial places the spur in district games

By ALAN LORIMER ALTHOUGH South have already secured the title, by virtue Monday and that will give the Stewart Reid taking his place as of their three previous winning performances and by the unexpected defeat of the Anglo-Scots by North and Midlands two weeks ago, today's final round of matches in the McEwan's inter-district champ-

valuable exercises. The temptation might have been to seran the remainder of the championship, once the title had been decided, but the selectors and the coaches believe in the competition as a means of

The trial teams for next two games being played today. at Meirose and Richmond, an added interest.

At Melrose, South face Edinburgh in very different circumstances from those prevailing last season. This year it is ionship could still serve as Edinburgh who have struggled to find form and today their cause will not be improved by Scotland players, lain Milne, Adam Buchanan-Smith and Scott Hastings.

They have had to re-arrange exposing players to a higher level of rugby than they would normally experience at club level.

They have had to re-arrange have the opportunity to measuring his lineout abilities against those of Doddre Weir.

Richmond, where the Anglo-

Boroughmuir, will play on the Scots play Glasgow, may see a blind side with the versatile open-side flanker. The young Edinburgh Academicals centre, Russell Adam, replaces Has-tiogs while lain Milne's berth goes to Grant Wilson, of

Boroughmuir. South are without their powerful tight-head prop Steven Ferguson, of Peebles, who is replaced by Gary Waite (Kelso). There should be an interesting wing confrontation between Tony Stanger and Alex Moore, while at lock Andy Macdonald, a candidate for the trial, will have the opportunity to measur-

Glasgow won the championship by defeating the Anglos by the narrowest of margins but this year have been without several of the players who served them so well. They have been weakened further by the loss of their loose-head prop George Gra-ham, who is replaced by his Surling colleague John Gibson. and David McVey, the Ayr flanker, whose deputy is Walter Malcoim, of Glasgow

High/Kelvinside.
The Anglos, with Derek
White restored at No. 8, have brought back the London Scot-ush half backs Richard Cramb Renwick to the left wing.

Francois Doumen, trainer of the exciting cross-Channel raider, disclosed the festival target at Newbury yesterday after expressing his delight at the way his young horse ran in the King George VI Rank sure he finished third.

On a sadder note, John Upson said Nick The Brief was discovered to have been a sick horse following his disappointing performance in the King George. The eight-year-old winner of last season's Vincent O'Brien Irish Gold Cup has a throat infection, along with several other of the

"We will close the yard for a couple of weeks and hope

Towcester-based trainer's

By RICHARD EVANS

THE Fellow, the five-year-old

French chaser who finished an

excellent third behind Desert

Orchid at Kempton on Boxing

Day, is being aimed for the

Cheltenham Gold Cup next

morning and he appeared to the honours at Newbury with be clear. But everything we a remarkable 21-1 double. have run this week has run Rustle had not raced since lifelessly like him. The vet April 1989 while Alone Sucsays it should take about a cess, winner of the 1987

Morris star on course for festival

CAHERVILLAHOW advertised the value of the Hennessy Gold Cup form at Newbury by winning the Black And White Whisky Champion Chase at Leopardstown yes-terday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Trained by "Mouse" Morris

for that veteran American sup-porter of the jumping game Mrs Miles Valentine, Cahervillahow had his chances enhanced by torrential rain, which made the ground exceptionally testing. Charlie Swan, determined to make sure that they went a good gallop, took the lead from the start on Cahervillahow, with the favourte Blitzkreig six lengths

There was little change in the order until approaching the third-last fence where the field began to bunch up. Blitzkreig produced a magnificent leap at the last sence to take the lead off Cahervillahow, who had stum-bled on the landing side.

However, there is nothing that Cahervillahow likes better than a good tussle and he fought back bravely to get the better of Blitzkreig in the final 50 yards and win by a length with Us And Joe finishing third.

Morris named the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopards-town in February for his pext objective and, all being well, he would take his chance in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Pat McWilliams, who rode his

first winner little more than a year ago, has been the star jockey at Leopardstown this week. The Belfast rider has ridden five winners so far at the meeting and landed another major coup on the long-time absent The Illiad in the Mag-num Security Handicap Hurdle. The winner will now go for The

Racing next week MONDAY: Cheltenham, Catterick Bridge, Plumpton, Leicester, Southwell (AW).

TUESDAY Cheltenham, Windsor, Catteriok Bridge, Lecester, Devon & Exeter Lingfield Park (AW). WEDNESDAY: Ayr, Southwell (AW), Thiursbay: Ayr, Lingfield Park (AW), Nottingham, Sedgefield, FRIDAY: Edinburgh, Newton Abbot, Southwell (AW) SATURDAY: Sendown Park, Hay-dock Park, Market Rasen, Worces-ter, Linglinid Park (AW).

(Flat meetings in bold)

The Fellow eyes Gold Cup Doumen, who trained

My Young Man (Jamie Osborne) clear over the last in the Wantage Novices' Chase at Newbury yesterday

George in 1987, said that he had been thrilled by the performance of The Fellow. time to recover. 'He was a very serious horse in the whole race. When Desert Orchid accelerated it did not leave time to give The Fellow a breather. From then on his jockey Adam Kondrat inst concentrated on making

Nupsala to win the King

"I think the borse can only improve on that. He is now going back to France and will have a month's break. He has had a heavy season since.

February. "From the beginning of February next year I will get him back into shape and we will see what the field for the Gold Cup looks like. I think Cheltenham will suit him much more than the sharp

Kempton track." Apart from one minor things get better," Upson said Kempton, The Fellow han-

dle at Newbury yesterday. heavy," Doumen added.
"We scoped this horse this Nicky Henderson scooped

the principal challengers were ten lengths clear. Rustle was still fourth com-

made an appalling blunder.

After landing on his nose,

jumping error early on at Whats The Crack and Senator McConnochie admitted it had after unsaddling River died the British fences su- conjured a terrific burst of Bounty, who finished un- perbly. "I just hope the going speed from his mount on the David Sewell, husband of the placed in the Ramsbury Hur- at Cheltenham is not too run-in to take the lead 50 owner, was scathing about yards from home.

commented Dunwoody.

luck. He was brilliant for the said.

Triumph Hurdle, last ap- rest of the race. The whole peared on a racecourse in object of the exercise was to February 1989. Both horses give him a nice time and to enjoy himself. I am pleased have had their off-fore leg-fired and received plenty of that he has come back as straight as that first time."

The combined lay-off of The policy of patience 1.284 days proved to be no which the Lambourn trainer hindrance as the duo proved adopts with horses suffering the well-being of Henderson's slight setbacks repaid handstring in contrasting style. some dividends two hours Rustle, winner of the Staylater when Alone Success ers' Hurdle at Cheltenham in jumped well and outpaced Mweenish on the run-in to 1989, looked to have ended any chance of winning the

win by 21/2 lengths. Elcot Park Novices' chase at Celtic Chief, reappearing for the second-last fence where he the first time since finishing second to Beech Road in the 1989 Champion Hurdle, 654 Rustle lost his hind legs and days ago, was patently in need almost sat down as Richard the run in the Wantage Dunwoody tried to recover. Novices' Chase and never looked like troubling My By the time horse and jockey Young Man, who set a furious had recovered their balance, pace and managed to hold the

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challenge of Buck Willow. The Celtic Cone gelding ing to the final fence and the finished a distance behind in contest seemed to be between third and trainer John Of Rome. But Dunwoody proved a nightmare trying to clerks of the course who have "He did very well to get up.
It shows he is a class horse," to have a racecourse gallop. "If they had been a bit more Henderson enthused: "The helpful, we might have come

second-last fence was just bad here with a fitter horse," he

SOUTHWELL Selections

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4 1494 GREY TUDOR 24 (S) C Allen 3-9-8... Mick Denero (7) 7

5 0656 RED RIVER BOY 37 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-9-5

5 0866 THE DEVEL'S MUSIC 18 (D,F,G) N Byorofi 6-9-4

7 3016 SAY YOU WILL 16 (V,D,BF,F,S) M Naughton 6-9-4

8 2006 VMRCARM SET 16 (V,D,BF,F,S) M Naughton 6-9-4

Deen McKepun 6-9-8

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3.10 CHRISTMAS CLAIMING STAKES (DIV II: 2-Y-' O: £2,427: 1m) (12)

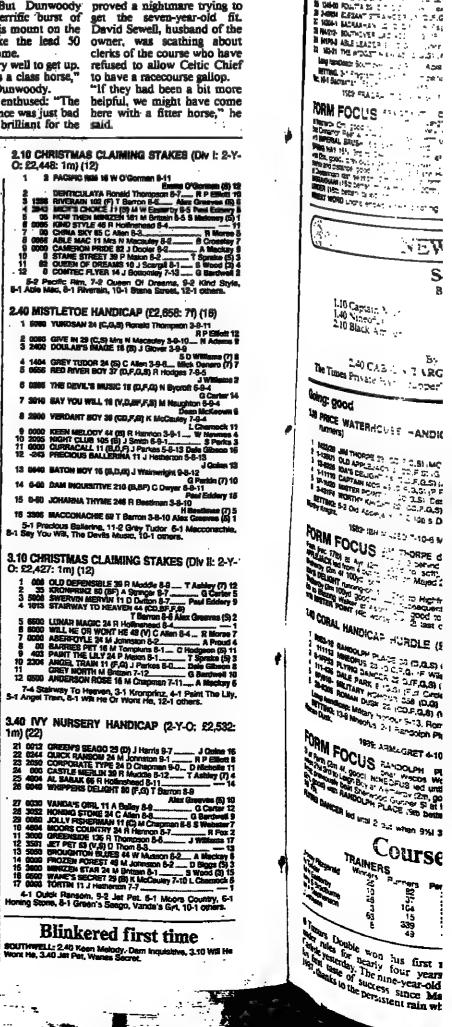
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1 000 OLD DEPENSBLE 36 R Moddle 8.9 T Ashley (7) 12
2 35 SRDOMPRISC 80 (BF) A SURPLO 8-7 Q Garles 5
3 5906 SWERVEN MERVIN 11 D Dation 8-7 Paul Eddery 9
4 1013 STARWAY TO HEAVEN 44 (CO.B.F. 6.9)
5 6500 LUNAR MAGIC 24 R Hollmaned 8-4 T Barron 8-8 Alex Greenes (5) 2
5 6500 WILL HE OR WORT HE 48 (1) C Allen 8-1 R Blorae 7
6 0000 MBL HE OR WORT HE 48 (1) C Allen 8-1 R Blorae 7
6 0000 ABERROYLE 28 M JOHNSON 8-2 A Proud 4
8 00 BARRES PET 16 M Tomplans 8-1 C Hodgeon (5) 11
9 403 PARIT HE LILY 24 P Melon 8-1 Date Gibson 8
10 2304 ARGEL TRAIN 11 (F,G) J Parios 8-0 Date Gibson 8
11 CREY HORTH M Britzen 7-12 G Bertheel 10
12 6500 ARGERSON ROSE 16 M Crapting 7-11 A Melotay 6
7-4 Stainway To Heeven, 3-1 Kronprinz, 4-1 Paint The Lity. 7-4 Stainway To Heaven, 3-1 Kronprinz, 4-1 Paint The Lily, 5-1 Angel Train, 8-1 Wit He Or Work He, 12-1 others.

3.40 IVY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,532: 1m) (22) 27 6030 VANDA'S GRU, 11 A Bulley 8-9. Allar Greeves (5) 10
28 3032 MONING STORE 24 C Allan 8-8. G Berdvell 9
29 0060 JOLLY PENERMAN 11 (6) M Chapman 8-8 S Webster 7
10 4804 800085 COUNTRY 24 R Homeon 8-7. R Fox 2
11 3000 GREENERS 125 R Thompson 8-6. J Williams 17
12 3501 JET PET 53 (V,8) D Thom 8-3. 13
13 5050 BROUGHTON BLUES 44 W Alson 8-2. D Bigs (5) 3
14 0000 PROJEN POLEST 49 M Johnson 8-2. D Bigs (5) 3
15 3600 BROUGHTON BLUES 44 W Alson 8-2. D Bigs (5) 3
16 3600 WANE'S SECRET 29 (8) R McCaulty 7-10 L Chemock 5
17 0000 TORTIN 11 J Hemiersm 7-7
4-1 Outsk Ransem, 9-2 Jet Pet, 5-1 Moors Country, 6-1
Horing Stone, 8-1 Green's Seego, Vanda's Grt, 10-1 orbars.

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JIMMY Fitzgerald, who landed a double at Kempton on Thursday, can launch another successful southern raid at Newbury today with Otterburn House and Fragrant Dawn.

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Fitzgerald can start the day in style with Otterburn House winning the Philip Cornes Novices' Hurdle Qualifier.

The six-year-old won a Nat-ional Hunt flat race at Carlisle last season. He followed that up by running 6% lengths third to the highly-regarded Remittance Man in a novice hurdle at Doncaster in February, before putting up a somewhat disappointing display on his final run at Carlisle.

Mark Dwyer did not give him a hard race then and he can be forgiven that run. This season, he was an

This season, he was an Fitzgerald should be back in odds-on favourite for his reappearance at Market Rasen, utes later with Fragrant Dawn but fell at the last when in the capturing the L'Oreal Handilead. However, he seems to cap Hurdle for the second year have improved his jumping running. After his impressive judged on his two victories since, at Wetherby and Hay- made favourite for The

Wetherby, he beat Bolancy Boy (a winner yes- third to Redundant Pal. terday) by three lengths at



Henderson: Newcastle

level weights. Two weeks later, Otterburn House gave Bolaney Boy 7lb and beat him into third place by an easylooking 5% lengths.

victory 12 months ago, he was Ladbroke at Leopardstown, where he finished 3½ lengths The six-year-old made an eye-catching return at highly regarded by their train-Wetherby earlier this month ers, and rightly so. But I do not and, although set to carry 10th think either of them can more than he did last season, trouble Martin Pipe's runner. today's field does not appear to have the quality to trouble

him, and he is my nap. The Save & Prosper Mandarin Handicap Chase offers Party Politics, who was beaten two lengths by Celtic Shot at Haydock last month, the chance a second victory at who ran up a string of Newbury this season. He beat victories, before finishing 24 Bigsun by 1½ lengths here in October, and last season accounted for subsequent Sun Alliance Novices' Chase winner Garrison Savannah by seven lengths at Warwick.

Of his rivals, Von Csadek, who was 16 lengths adrift of Arctic Call in the Hennessy Gold Cup, has failed to live up to his trans-Atlantic reput-ation, Ballyhane's performance in the SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot two weeks ago did suggest he is back to his while Sneakapenny should not be up to this.

Tyrone Bridge is one of the best Flat horses to switch to hurdling in recent years, and he can make it three wins from as many runs in the Challow Hurdle. Book Of Gold and Danny Connors are both him down again.

Pragada

trouble Martin Pipe's runner. Fraturell Park vesterring At Newcastle, Captain Mor, who was unbeaten in seven outings before fixishing tenth behind Multum In Parvo in the Mackeson Gold Cup, can return to winning ways in the Price Waterhouse Handicap Chase. Nincolus is another who ran up a string of

Nicky Henderson's runners travelling porth should always be respected and Black Areh can prove that by winning the Northumberland Gold Cup Novices' Chase.

lengths third to Leigh Boy at Wetherby. He can also return to form in the Coral Handicap

Last time out, at Warwick, he found the concession of 177b to the talented Cinnamon Run just too rauch, and fell at Ascot before that, But he did win at Cheltenham in November, and his form looks superior to that of Moment Of Truth, whose four wins have been gained at Keiso and Hexham. Another danger could be the enigamtic Jirxy Jack, but his jumping may let

1.30 SAVE, PROSPER MANDARIN HANDICAP CHASE (27,148: 3m 2f (2BC1

| 301 | 3P12-11 | ARCTIC CALL 35 (\$,CDLF,CLS) (\$ Bloomer-Grown) O Sherwood 7-11-10 | KCH-REBBER | 97 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 | 910-12 |

1968: POLYFSMUS 7-10-5 J Windo (3-1) M Richmon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS PARTY POLITICS 21 | 30) at Nowbury (8m) 2f, good to Ermit surfer best Celec Shot at Celec

2.0 CHALLOW HURDLE (Grade 1: £16,835: 2m 4f 120yd) (4 runners) (SBC1.

FORM FOCUS BOOK OF GOLD best Change The Act hi at Sendown (2m, good to soft); previously best Lake Teersen 71 at Chepstow (2m, good to soft); previously best Young Polary a neck here (2m 100yd, good to firm).

BURGOTHE \$11 2nd to Otterburn House at Haydock (2m, 41, good). TYRONE BRIDGE unchallenged when bearing Yellow Spring 12 at Sandown (2m 91 75yd, 2m 41, good to soft); previously best Over The Deal & Change at Navosatia (2m 41, good). DANNY CON-

BOOK OF GOLD 29 (C.F.S) #1 Jos9 J GRford 5-11-8.

226-212 BURGOYNE 16 (BF.D.O) (P Senil) M H Esserby 4-11-8.

19/13 DANONY CONNERS 17 (BF.D.O.S) (J McArcaul) J O'Nell 6-11-8.

11 TYRONE BRIDGE 29 (C.S.) (P Grown) M Pipe 4-11-8.

BETTING: 4-8 Tyrone Bridge, 3-1 Canny Connors, 8-1 Soot Ol Gold, 8-1 Bisrgoyne.

3.0 WICKHAM NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: \$2,565: 2m 100yd) (11 runners)

Long handlege Sneeksponny 9-8.

BETTIMS: 4-6 Party Politics, 11-4 Von Coudek, 4-1 Ballyhane, 14-1 Sneeksponny.

Stewards to aid of

PRAGADA, a former winner of the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenham for Josh Gifford. needed the assistance of the stewards to land the Snowy Davis Novices' Chase at

Duraven Royal, ridden by Ray Goldstein, passed the post 3½ lengths ahead of Pragada, partnered by Eamon McKinley, but McKinley objected to Duraven Royal for taking my promot after the last.

The stowards agreed and reversed the placings, suspending Goldstein for four days (January 6-9) for careless riding.

The race was named after Gillord's former travelling head and Source Payis who is record. lad. Snowy Davis, who is recovering from a stroke in Chichester hospital. A trophy was due

to be presented by Gifford's present travelling head lad,

Peter Double, to the counterpart of the winning stable, so Double had to present it to himself. Peter Hedger and Mark Rich-anis completed a 6-1 double with Silken Fan and Al Asoof. Hedger, who trains near the Sussen track, is now planning to run Al Asoof in Newbury's Tote Gold Trophy on February 9. 6 Arctic Call, declared to run in today's Save & Prosper Man-darin Chase at Newbury, misses the race as he is undergoing treatment for a bout of colic. The Hennessy Gold Cup winner the King George VI Rank Chase nt kempton on Boxing Day because of the min-softened

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A McCabe (7) @ 98

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Selections

12.45 Mukir. 1.15 William Anthony. 1.45 Saffron Lord. 2.15 Final Alma. 2.45 Mirage Day. 3.15

Going: good (chase course); good to soft with soft patches (hurdles) SIS 12.45 LE TOUQUET NOVICES HURDLE (£1,444:

2m 100yd) (20 runners)

PEADY OR NOT A Turnel 4-11-0 MCN-SURGES
SEE YOU ANON 1262F C White 5-11-0 C Liberally
SEE YOU ANON 1262F C White 5-11-0 R Guee
SP SYMMO LUCKY 185 K Novy 5-11-0 D Guilleghe
ST TEEMAGE SCRIBBLER 7 W Knop 5-11-0 D Guilleghe
ST TEEMAGE SCRIBBLER 7 W Knop 5-11-0 D Guilleghe
ST VEOKA FIZZ 53 J Geffort 5-11-0 #6 TEENAGE SCRIBBLER 7 W Karop 5-11-0

S- VOOKA FIZZ 59 J GGFord 5-11-0

F- WOODURATHER STF M Pice 4-11-0

R U.L. SHANY 30 W Carrier 4-10-9

AZANYMA 468F J FRICH-Hoyes 4-10-9

F- SREJAFRAST SELJE 348 D Grisans 5-10-9

H GARSIER & SI Miss N Berry 6-10-9

R GG

1.15 RACING POST NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier:

9-4 Wittem Anthony, 3-1 Rostany, 4-1 Givus A Buck, 5-True Loop, 6-1 Lesvenworth, 8-1 Stately Lover, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINEDS: J Gefford, 26 witness from 102 runners, 25.5%; 1 Eswards, 7 from 23, 25.0%; D Grissall, 10 from 45, 22.2%; J Eswards, 3 from 10, 16.7%; Miss L Bower, 9 from 77, 11.7%; (Only qualifiers). NockEYS: K Mooney, 3 winners from 12 rides, 25.0%; D Marphy, 6 from 25, 24.0%; H Deves, 10 from 58, 17.2%; M Kinane, 4 from 25, 16.0%; C Llewellyn, 3 from 25, 11.5%; (Only

1.45 DAILY MAIL HANDICAP CHASE (E8,485: 2m

5 JSG- NETTINGE IR SON (CD,F,Q,S) J Filton-Hoyes 10-10-0 8 Go 8 1335 GEE-A 43 (D.F.G.S) F Murphy 11-10-0 S Cur 8-4 Cash is King. 3-1 Wingspan, 4-1 Saffron Lord, 5-1 Cars Mourtain, 1 E-1 Gee-A, 15-1 Heminger. 2.15 BOBBIE SHAW MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateur's: £1,574: 3m 3f) (14)

1 MINA MINASTRADA STATISTICA STATISTICA P CRISS (B-11-15) # Converse 22) (R.F.R.S) M Piot 11-11-0 P Converse 22) (R.F.R.S) M Piot 11-11-0 A Wn S-S 18-5 (N M Roberton 6-11-3 K Conserved 4 G-SU PRINCE (R.P. 1K 21 (F.C.S) A Develop 9-10-13 S 3-46 MERPHY'S M AN 15 (BF) D Nicholson 6-10-12

7 85-6 TAKE NO TRA: SN 28 (5) 8 Bytard 9-10-9. T Moore (7) 8 0-P3 ROSTREAMER 28 (6) C Bravery 7-10-6. C Cosposed (9) 0 0 P8 Witchel 7-10-8. R Teel (7) 10 -35 CASTONE 0 051. SN (7-5) W G M Turner 4-10-3. A Figure (7) 11 1-89 LCRO ROLFE 2 5 (5) C Weedon 4-10-2. A Hickman (7) 12 P/D THE CHAUFFEL RT 15 (5) Miss L Bower 8-10-0

LAS ROYAL DAK MIDTEL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,611: 3m 2f) (5)

5-4 Mirage Day, 7-4 L. Ane Rouge, 5-1 Freds Head, 8-1 Mejestic Buck, 20-1 Jim Browle, 33-1 Scots Itst. 3.15 EISSINGHURST MIDVIGES HURIDLE (\$1,350:

/95 TEENLOE SCRIBBLER 7 W Kerry 5-10-10 Ø/ TURBO KING 757 F Mur phy 7-10-10 B/4 PIGO PIGO 25 Mrs F Wa Lyny 6-10-5 Ø/ ROSS 31 Miss J Bizkens y 5-10-5 \$-1 Royle Speedmaster, 4-1 L ucky Landers, 5-1 Puki Puki, 5-1 Immy Charm, 8-1 Pealeds, But a Straytom, 10-1 others.

2.0 JACOB MARLEY NOVICES CHASE (52,922:

4-9 Teniente, 4-1 Skomat, 12-1 F lelty Fers, 16-1 Blue Bour-ton, 20-1 Sitten Ranger, Pokaree, 2: 5-1 others.

2.30 TINY TIM HANDICAP HI URDLE (£2,784: 2m)

5 25-6 BUNPTIOUS BOY 32 (D.F) A J-IWilson 8-10-5. A Webb
5 19- OF STATE TO SEC (D.F) C 75-min 7-10-0. C Smith
7 DOY PEPICANTE 500 (D.S) J Booley 16-10-0. T Rudd (T)
8 307- POIX PATH 271 (D.S) F Jorden 5-10-0. T Rudd (T)
9 400- EZAPTAR 231 (D.S) P Hedge (6-10-0. M Biology
10 P42- PORCELLO 295 (D.G.S) D Burt hell 7-10-0 D J Burchell
11 PN MARIE BABY 537 (D.S) G Rog. 1-10-0 ... P McDermott

LLI BLACKMORE AMATEUR RICKERS HANDICAP 1 1200 QUALITY'S REPORT OF JOY 10 110000 0-12-0

2 -821 HOMANY KING 7 (2,0,2) @ Beld. ug 6-11-0 (Suc) 3 S-FS PERTENES NETWORK 10 (V,D.F., Q.S) R Las S-10-6 S Mankwell

11-10 Romany King, 13-8 Quibum's Ne; Shew, 7-1 Pertemps Network, 0-1 Caste Walk.

3.30 CHRISTMAS PRESENT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (22,178: 2m) (25)

DLEIGHTS TUDOR Mrs. J. Persen 6-11-0 M. Pelif LUCKY THROW N. Ayelle 4-11-0 S. Poster (7) MASTER EMBORNE J. Young 6-11-0 M. Hoad (8) MELLION FARTHWAY D. Berone 4-11-0 G. Greece (9) OBJECT TRAIN Mrs. J. Planes 4-11-0 D. Styrme (2) NOVAL BOUNCER T. Houbtrooks 4-11-0 B. Datton (7) TENACOUS K. Battley 5-11-0 M. Tenacous (9) TENACOUS K. Battley 5-11-0 M. Tenacous (7) TENACOUS K. Battley 5-11-0 M. Tenacous (7) TORNICK L. Codd 5-11-0 M. Miserson (7) TORNICK L. Codd 5-11-0 M. Miserson (7) TORNICK S. S. Melor 5-11-0 M. Miserson (7) TRAINCRUS S. Melor 5-11-0 M. Miserson (7) Melling (8) WELLMOTON BAY R. Hodoes 4-11-0 M. Miserson (8) Melor (9) Melling (9) WELLMOTON BAY R. Hodoes 4-11-0 M. Miserson (9) Melling (9) WELLMOTON BAY R. Hodoes 4-11-0 M.

4 12P- CELTIC WALK 309 (0,0) T Foreign + 5-10-0

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Selections

By Mandarin 12.30 Cokenny Boy. 1.0 Corrected. 1.30 Capital Punishment. 2.0 Teniente. 2.30 Fox Path. 3.0 Guiburn's Nephew, 3.30 Obie's Train.

Going: good to soft 12.30 BOB CRATCHIT NOVICES HURDLE (Div) £1,668: 2m) (22 runners)

THE ATLANTIC CEDAN BY PRINCE 411-0 G AT PEACE IT J White 4-11-0.

B BALLAD DANCER 17 E AISON 5-11-0.

B BOWL OF CATE 29 A Turnel 4-11-0.

B HARP OF COLD 199 M Pice 4-11-0.

B HARP WOOD 25 T Foreign 5-11-0.

A M BELLING PALL 129 (F.3) J BOWL 4-11-0.

B MALERIA PALL 129 (F.3) J BOWL 4-11-0.

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B MIN SWAN SONG 17 J Smith 6-11-0.

B COLD TO NOTE 25 M Manageridae 6-11-0.

B PULL THE PIN 25 F Jorden 4-11-0.

B POLL THE PIN 25 F JORGE 4-11-0.

B J B W SWAN SONG 17 J Smith 6-11-0.

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B PULL THE PIN 25 F JORGE 4-11-0.

B J B J B B COLD TO NOTE 25 M MANAGERIA 6-11-0.

B J B J B B COLD TO NOTE 25 M M S A STANDARD 4-11-0.

PR SOLDER BOY 17 Mrs. S Armylage 4-11-0. Mr Booker, (5) SYCODELIC SISS P Plager 4-11-0. Mr Booker, SYCODELIC SISS P Plager 4-11-0. Mr Richards WARNES FOR WINNESS P Plager 4-11-0. Mr Richards WARNES FOR WINNESS P Plager 4-11-0. Mr Richards Arms MOCHAE TO S Manhards 5-10-0. T Will App. JUST A WONDER 17 S Christian 6-10-0. J Rayes MOCHAE T 125 C Broad 4-10-0. A Control of Done 0-2 Manhards Parker 10-10-0.

7-2 Bowl Of Ones, 9-2 Manettro Paul, 8-1 Colonny Boy, My an Song, Athene Noctus, 8-1 At Peace, 12-1 others. 1.0 CHRISTMAS PAST MOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,990: 3m 1f) (15)

2 4-F CELTIC ORBINAL 28 (SP) R Las 5-11-10 W McCarled
2 8-1 CORRECTED 25 (0) D Michalaco 5-11-5 R Michael 2
4-01 MARRIERTS STAR 15 (V,Cg) J Booley 5-11-5 M Booley
4-422 BT OF A CLOWIN 15 Mins | Michae 7-11-5 M J Dagger
5 8-FP FEA SAU, 23 M ORING 7-11-0 W A Seminone (7)
7 8-4 WALLY WREIGH 252 J Edwards 7-10-11 D Tegg
8 P-35 REPAR WEITHER 16 (D of 5-10-5 M J Religion 7)
8 P-3 CARVENG REFE 248 N Sizenes 8-10-7

10 BPSF AUCHWELLAM 2 (8) D Gandolfo 10-10-7. D March (7) 11 830- IGL-ORD 284 P REVISION 10-10-3. S J O'Nell LL-ORD THE TANTAM SPARTAM 14 B) M WEAMON 8-10-2 15 - SEE THE REST IN THE MODET IS (F) & SAME \$-10-2 T June 1 7-2 Corrected, 9-2 Cettic Original, 5-1 Sit Of A Clown, 7-1

1.30 BOB CRATCHIT NOVICES HURDLE (DIV II: 21,668; 2m) (25)

4 G. CSLTIC CATCH 280 J Bosiny 4-11-0 M Bosiny 5 G. CHEF CELT 40 P Basiny 4-11-0 M Bosiny 5 G. CHEF CELT 40 P Basiny 4-11-0 M Robards 5 G. CHEF CELT 40 P Basiny 5-11-0 P Profits (7) CONSTRUCTION 1000 S R Dixids 4-11-0 M Profits (7) G. CCHERAY R.JER 52 Mr. J Profit 4-11-0 M Profit 50 FRS- HOLT PLACE 336 N Smits 7-11-0 M Profits 11 SPS- M DIREAMS 182F R Johnson Houghton 7-11-0 M Profits 11 SPS- M DIREAMS 182F R Johnson Houghton 7-11-0 Spaint Houghton 12 G. AUNGLE 100FE 47F M Tompkins 4-11-0 Spaints Bosins 100FE Basins 100FE 11-0 Spaints Bosins 100FE Basins 100 13 - FIP DRESSED CE R.YER 44 A Chamberlein 8-11-0

14 PSD MEGRATION BRUD 8 P Hedger 4-11-0 Loren Viscout Loren Viscout Loren Viscout Loren Viscout 15 297 PICK ROUNDSTONE 721 J Gibord 7-11-0 R Godding (7) 15 397 PICK ROUNDSTONE 721 J Gibord 7-11-0 R Mickinsey 16 390 RAGGYMAN 17 J McConvoche 6-11-0 A Relition 16 5890 SULTHEND UNITED 19 0 J Ulboon 4-11-0 NOR-REMARKER 19 40 THEUMPHANT CRIEF 30 A J Wilson 5-11-0 Bruto WARNER FORP-LABURE P Hobbs 4-11-0 B Bruto 17 WHISTIE FOR FRY TRU J Did 7-11-0 R Goldman 22 49 WHISTIE FOR FRY TRU J DIG 7-11-0 R Goldman 19 DONNAY TOKIEN 275 M Brown 6-10-9 J Brown (7) 24 50 THATCHENGE 17 W Exidey 5-10-6 M B Tribbournes 25 60 ZALINA 30 C Jackson 4-10-9 J Brown (7) 3 Brown 6-10-9 J Brown (7) 24 11 Capital Punishment, 5-1 Junch Kolin, 8-1 Mok Rounds 2-1 Capital Punishment, 5-1 Jungle Knile, 8-1 Plok Round- Armstrong-trained juvenile sus-stone, 7-1 Conway Fiver, 8-1 others.

• Mujtahid, one of the leading hopes for the 2,000 Guineas, has fractured a cannon-hone; and will miss the colts' classic next year. The Robert Armstrong-trained juvenile sustained the injury

4-1 Oble's Train, 5-1 Avonburn, 13-2 Grange (Brake, Derring Bud, 8-1 Idleigh's Tudor, Mellon Fairway, 12-1 sthers.

Course specialists •

TRAINERS: J Gifford, 8 winners from 20 numers, \$30,0%; J Upson, 3 from 12, 25,0%; N Gessies, 12 from 49, 24,5%; K Balley, 9 from 39, 23,1%; M Pipe, 27 from 122, 22,1%; Mrs J Piesess, 20 from 97, 20,0%.

JOCKEYS: N Merrs, 4 winners from 12 rides, 33,3%; M , Pieman, 11 from 43, 25,0%; G Upton, 4 from 18, 22,2%; W Invites, 5 from 30, 18,7%; S Smith Bodies, 11 from 80, 13,8%; Ges Army large, 4 from 35, 11,4%.

Results from yesterday's four meetings

DE: DILLIO, CSP. EZALOZ.

1.30 (2m 160/sc ch) 1, STARPS DELIGIAT
(Al Pierroz. 7-4 fav): 2, Kanciderack (B Pouda, 5-1) 3, Sanciderack (B Pouda, 5-1) 4, Sanciderack (B Descoop), 3-1;
ALSO RAN: 7 Mr Key (I), 8 Fuspo Boy (I), 5
ren. KJ, 307. MP Poe at Welfington, 10cc:
22.60; 21.40, 32.00. DP: 84.00. CSP: 29.41, Date (2011) (1974) (197 29.00. CSP. E19.28.

2.30 (Pm sh) 1, ALCHE SECCES (R. Durmocody, 9-2); 2, Mouseaists (M. Lynch, 11-1); 3, Assacptions (J. Deborne, 7-4 ke/). ALSO RAN: 6 Chy. Entertainer (801), 7 Gale's Image (401), 5 Just This Once (801). E1 Tenessant (pu.), 14 Michight Count (ur.), 8 ran. 264, 12, 151, St, dist. N. Henderson at Lentbourn. 7ces: 24.80; 27.70, 23.20, 27.10.

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2.8 Cam 120yc Install 1, YOUMB BAVAND.
(P Verling, 10-1); 2. Wass Potary (N Marro, 3-1 toy); 3. Noyal Gossip (O Skyrne, 9-1).
ALSO RANk 3 Kamadoor, 7 Disn Vicini (4th), 15-2 Look Lively (ur), 11 Just Ashopetal Solt), 15 Pucias Pisco, Basisat Wasse, 20 Rare Luck (501), 50 Owen's Prige. 17 years ASK-Heise Sees. 12, 34, 84, 34, 10, 10 Marray Smeth st. Lambourn. Tota: 118.86; 23.20, E1.00, 22.20, DP. 227.30.
CSF: S01.25. These: CSP4.75.

Carlisle

Table act (Indian hamy (ch) 12.45 (3m 100yd hdin) 1, Myllege (M Dwyer, 8-4 tav); 2, Secrat Finitio (9-2; 3, Home To Robat (4-1), 11 ran, 10, 2%L P Leach, Tota: 52.20; 51.70, 52.30, 51.70. DF: 53.60, CSF: 59.07. Tricest: 521.81. Sought in 3,200ges.

ET A0. DF: 231 25. GSP: 241 35.
2.15 (3m ch) 1, Pampeding (M Dayer, 3-1); 2, Gerbeity Park (6-1); 3, Nessteal Joha (7-2). Sendicifie Boy 15-8 lbm: 6 san. NR: The Langinoim Dyer, Snowfire Cheb. 21, 20. J Brockbank. Toke: (2-19); 22-44, E2-70. DF: 28.10. CSF: 224.94. Threast 287.30.
2.45 (2m 44 hds) 1, Bolanay Boy (L Wyer, Esses fark; 2, languals (8-4); 3, Fer Glow (11-2). 16 ran. NR: Moymet, Pyress For Action, Moymet, 2, 289. J J O'Hell. Tota: (2-40: E1-76, E1-16, E2-20, OF: E3-10, CSF: E3-75.
2.16 (2m ch) 1, Incesses (Mr D Swindishurst, Tose: 550; 52-11, E1-20, DF: E3-80. CSF: 1788. Places (9-4); 3, Speech (4-7); 6 ran. 3, 71. D Swindishurst, Tose: 550; 52-16. 2.15 (3m 2" oh) 1, Nr Geeslo (S Smith Ecotes, 15-8 tav); 2, Cons Gien (3-1); 3, Loby's Boy (13-2) Bran. Nrt Double Tricks, 6l, %l, N Henderson, Tota: £2.50; 21.70, 21.50, £2.00. DF: £4.40. GSP: £7.56. Trickst. £25.71,

Fontwell Park

1-30 (Sm E India) 1, Silican Fan (M Rec-prote, Essan Ind. 2, Introdal Law (11-5), 3, Ppara HB (16-1), 19 man, 5t, 7t, P Hedger, Tomo: E2-95, 6t, 50, 6t, 10, 6t, 70, 5r; ps.3st, CSP: 87-85.

2.0 (20 of ch) 1, Breakfast Car (H Device, 11-4; 2, Statternie (M. 40 fee); 3, Stota Dowin (7-2), 6 res. St. 20, D Grissel, Tota; 23,20; £1,80, £2,80, DF; £3,50, CSF; £5,43, 2.30 (2m 2! holls) 1, Al Assort (M Fichards, 5-2 (styl.) 2. Champegne Lad (5-1); 3, Cock A Lastide (9-2). 11 ran. 251, 251, P. Hardest. There 51.35 11, 41, 120, 51.20, OF: 10, 70, CSF: 215.48. Tricast: 250.00. 3.0 (3m 2) 110yd ch) 1, Pregade (E. McCiniey, 11-8 fav); 2, Dunravan Royal (20-1); 3, Tryumphani Lad (9-1), 11 min. 3%, 11. Gelord. Trace; 27.00; 71.30, 37.50, 37. 52. 10. CS-22.40, Those COS.30, Outgraven Royal finished first but ghar a maximum is singley was placed exceed.

2.30 (2m 6f hds) 1, Silverine (G Moore, 5-1); 2, Outcor Bab (7-2 fw); 3, Madera (16-1); 20 mm. 8, 12l. A Moore, Yole; 25.30; 22.30, 22.10, 24.40, DF: £16.30, CSF: £25.69.



NEWBURY

Selections

12.30 Otterburn House 1.00 FRAGRANT DAWN (nap).

2.00 Tyrone Bridge. 2.30 Auntie Dot.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.00 Fragrant Dawn.

Guide to our in-line racecard 1 112149 GOOD TIMES 12 (SF, F,G,4) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Holl 12-0. Research number. Bb-figure form (F – felt. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – allipsed up. R – refused. U – refused. U – disqualified). Horse's name. Days alnow last outling: E – E

Going: good (back straight on hurdles course good to soft) SIS 12.30 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: \$2,679: 3m 120yd) (10 runners)

1989: MINNENOMA 6-11-5 P Soudernore (8-11 fee) M Pipe 18 rate

1.0 L'OREAL HANDICAP HURDLE (25,465: 2m 100yd) (10 runners) Rec1 201 1,4413-4 PRASPANT DAWN SE (CD,Q,S) (W C*Gorman) Jimmy Plagaraid 5-11-10...
202 3P10-13 SPHING HAY 42 (CD,Q,S) (A Sweed) D Nicholeon 4-11-5...
203 11/ HOMEST WORD 709 (D,Q,S) (Am H Carrie) M Pipe 6-11-5...
204 345346 SHPEMAL BRUSH 236 (B,CD,Q,S) (P Pulon) D Eleworth 5-10-11...
205 1246-60 POLIJITA 38 (D,F,Q,S) (B Winded) Mise S Wilton 5-10-6...
206 2-47674 ELEGANT STRANGER 25 (D,F,Q,S) (B Bess) M Toxpidins 5-10-5...
207 14904-1 BADRAKHAM 32 (D,Q,S) (W Fagen) N Henderson 4-10-4...
208 PM-213- SOUTHOME LAD 622 (D,Q,S) (S Wiltons) D Berons 7-10-0... It Durwoods

210 183-61 THE WINGET MAN 43 (D.C.5) (A Nelsy) J Gifford 4-10-0 Long brindlesp: Southover Lad 9-13, Able Leader 9-9, The Widget Nan 9-8. BETTING: 3-1 Progrant Dawn, 7-2 Imperial Brush, 9-2 Honest Word, 7-1 Spring Hay, 9-1 The Widget, 10-1 Burnstraut, Fourte, 12-1 crimen.

1886 FRAGRANT DAWN 5-11-0 M Devier (5-2 fee) Jimmy Respected 16 fee

1.10 Captain Mor.

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1986: STAR OF THE GLEN 11-0 & Powell (50-1) C Horgan 16 ran Course specialists



Selections By Mandarin

NEW PASTEE

2.40 Cab On Target. 3.05 Shady Road. 3.35 Native Mission. By Michael Seely 2.40 CAB ON TARGET (nap). 3.35 Native Mission. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 MOMENT OF TRUTH.

1.10 PRICE WATERHOUSE HANDICAP CHASE (\$4,347: 2m 4f) (6 (32,03)

BETTING: 5-2 Old Applejack, 7-2 Ida's Delight, 9-2 Capteln Mar, 19-2 Mater Point, 6-1 Jim Thorpe, 1988: 1881 NAJED 7-10-6 M Duyer (15-8 ter) Jimesy Fizzgarald 9 ran

FORM FOCUS ART THORPE distant CAPTAIN NOR best Turtion 46 at Wetherby Plant (rec 1776) at Ayr (2m, good to soft). OLD APPLEARCK (and from 4 out to best firm Majord 254 at Wetherby (2m 46 100yd, sort). DBA'S DELIGHT running-on 1761 2nd to Hightith at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good) to Sirm), subsequently 181 this DBazing Wetherby (2m, good to Sirm) with all street Point (4th worse off) 22 last of 7. 1.40 CORAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,590: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

Long headlesp: Military Honour 9-13, Roman Dusk 8-1.
BETTING: 13-8 Nincolus, 2-1 Rendolph Place, 5-1 Plying Dustor, Cule Plant, 12-1 Nintery Honour, 40-1 Recount Dusk.

1900: APMAGNET 4-10-3 D Byrne (12-1) S Williamon 12 rad FORM FOCUS RANDOLPH PLACE Barrians Gosain at Cheltenham (5m, good to firm), 3 at Parth (2m 4f, good). Nilescrib led until less when 25f 3rd to Leigh Boy at Weitherby (2m, good to the leigh Boy at Weitherby

Course specialists

JUCKEYS 50 26.0 25 24.0 18 16.7 28 14.3 711 13.5 106 10.4

Timurs Double won his first race under rules for nearly four years at Carlisle yesterday. The nine-year-old got his first taste of success since March 1987, thanks to the persistent rain which

FORM FOCUS BLACK AMBERT hadded lest when % i when 2% 2nd to Chromon Run (not 17th) at Warwick (2nd, 17th) at Warwi 2.40 CAMERON HALL DEVELOPMENTS HOVICES HURDLE (24,077: (C.4.,) SETTING: 3-1 Cab On Target, 7-2 Uron Y, 5-1 Dicke's Gio, 13-2 Merry Manter, 8-1 Political Issue, 10-1 addervalle, 13-1 Portwogle, 74-1 Monteacre, 16-1 others. FORM FOCUS ARSANLOR 117 2nd to the control of the c 3.5 EBF GROUSE INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP CHASE (22,956: 3m) (3 runners) 3.35 PARTRIDGE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: \$2,574: 2m) (7 runners)

turned the ground into a quagmire, at Ridden by his owner, Charlie Sample, at 75 overweight, Timurs Double comfortable landed the Three French Richard Republic Repub

1.46 (2m hole) 1, Coxamo (J Shortz, 16-1); 2, Tap Dancing (6-1); 3, Manuale Del Utente (4-1 tark), 4, High Noddy (3-1), 17 ran, NR; Adington Prince, Puritie, 4t, 191, J McConnochie, Train 202, 40; 23:20, 61,70, 61,80, 22.80, 04; 552.40, 287; F118.55, Trease EA41.58, Bought in for 4,200gns.

2.45 (2m cit) 1, White Boy (1Ar E Balley, Evens juday); 2, Go West (Evens juday); 3, Deep Rope (15-1), 3 rain, 25t, diet, P Balley, Toes 22.10, DP: 11.30, CSF; 12.17. 3.15 (2m 6f ch) 1, brito The Red (P Guest, 8-1); 2, Toytown (50-1); 3, Caltic Trust (20-1), Winabuck 5-2 fav. 13 ran. 11, 201. J White. Tota: \$7.00; \$2.50, \$18.80, \$2.20, \$0+ 205.20, \$65°, \$255.82, Tricesc \$6,673.05.

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THE TIMES Calendar of world sport 1991

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Jan 6: Play-offs begin Jan 12-12: Onesonal play-off genras Jan 20: Contempo championship 27: Super Bowl XXV, Temps.

ARRIED

Line 6 & UK Mesters, Likeshell Liny 3-2: GNAM, Likeshell Aug 19-17: British target championships, Lichfield Aug 25-29: National compound championships championships, Constable & erton at 15-16 indoor compound championstaps, Stoke Mand sylle

ATHETICS!

country, Belliust Limerick
Feb 2-3: Pearl Assurance / VAA-WAAA
Indoor championships, Country
Feb 8: World cross country championship trials, Ostarley Pipts
Feb 12: haly v Yugoslavia v Careat Britain
Indoor international, Turth
Feb 17: Dairy Cross indoor Invitation,
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Feb 23: France v Spain v Laly v Soviet a-side), Paris Mar 3: Great Britain v United States indoor internetional, Glasigow

Miss 8-18: World Indoor championships

Seville
May 9-TE AAA-WAAA muliil-events and WAAA instruction lindoor champiorships, Cosford
Mar 16-17: Dany Crest unider-20-indoor championships, Cosford Mer 23: World cross country cham-

pionships. Arrivarp
Agr 7: Great Britain v Greace v Poland v
Norway v Romania v Czechoslovskia
walking international, Fubrice
Agr 21: ADT London Me rathon, London
Agr 27: AAA 12-stage road retsy, Sutton
Collification May 19: São Paulo international grand prix, São Paulo May 25: Bruce Jeoner d'Issalo grand prix, San Jose

San JOSS June 1-2: European Clubs' Cup, Spain June 1-2: Spain v Great Britain, combined swarts, Almhia, Spain June 2: Easy v Spain v Great Britain, jumps and throuse international,

ene 4: Bratielava '91 grand prix, Bratielava and 8 & Peerl Ansurance UK chartionsnips a & Brothera Zammasky M grand prix, Moscow uly 11-25: World Student Games

no 14: England v Ireland v Soviet Union men's international, Limerick tene 15: Finland v Great Britain v Germany v Sriviet Union U-20 international, Espoo, Finland tase 16: Scotland v Wales v locked v Israel v Northern Ireland, Grange-

mouth the 19: Great British v Germany. June 27: Merell grand prix, Helsinki Jama 28: Sight nations walks inter-

Jane 29-30: European Cup, Frankfurt Jane 29-30: Germany v Great Britain 20 Internetional, Germany une 29-38: Dairy Creat AAA-WAAA

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July 8: Bistett Glames grand prix, Oslo
July 8: Beigumiv V Netherlands v England
v Italy v Switzerland v Denmark
wesking Informational, Aarhus, Den-July 6-7: European Cup B final

Combined events, Men, Stoke; Women, The Nemerlands July 7: Great Britain v United States under-20 international, Los Angeles July B. BMP grand prix, Lille July 10: Addienssima '91 grand prix, July 12: Pascelforce grand prbs, Crystal Palace

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July 12-T3: English Schools Milk
championshipe, Stoles
July T3: United States v Caracta v Great
Britain under-20 international, Florida
July 14: Welsh Games (Wales v United
States U-20 v International Select v Englerul), Cymbran July 15: Mikaia Coca Cola grand prix, Nice

Nice July 17: Golden Gele grand prix, Rome July 18: Great Britain v Soviet Union (venue in Britain to be confirmed) July 19-21: Eight nations junior match, Salamenca, Spain July 26-27: Panasonic AAA-WAAA

championships, Birmingham July 23: New York grand prix, Aug 3: Herculis '91 grand prix, Monte Carlo Aug 3-4: AAA-WAAA combined events

championship, Stoke
Aug & Sowet Union v England, Moscow
Aug 7: Weltklasse grand prix, Zunch
Aug 8-111: European junior championships, Thessalonika, Greece Aug 10-11: Germany v Great Britain v Soviet Union) combined events U-23

international, Germany v Great Brown uncer-23 international, Spent Brown uncer-23 international, Aug 24-Sept 1: World championships,

Aug 24: Germany v Greet Britain under 19 (mornisticita) Aug 24-25: English Areas v Soviet Republics (venues in Soviet Union to lasse grand prix. Cologne

Sept 10: Istat '91 grand prix, Berlin Sept 13: Ivo Van Damme Memonal grand Sept 15: Movime's Challenge, Shelflott Sept 20: IAAF grand prix final, Barcelona

BADMINTON

Feb 22-24: English national Mar 11-15; Yonex All-England Apr 14: Inter-county champio

BASEBALL --

BASKETBALL Feb 27: League all-star game.

Granby Halis Mar 2-3: Coca Cola Cup finals. chemojorships, Birminghen June 25-30: European Championship latels (men) June 29-Jul 7: Commonweald

Nov 27: European championships, sami-finals (men) Dec 4: European championships sami-finals (men)

Doc & NetWest Trophy, final, Albert

SALE TEREST

open, Barbican Centre, London the 2s treat-county smaller championships, semi-finals and finals, Chambood SC, Loughborough Mar 26-Apr 1: Smachan UK professional championships, Bolton

May 14-19: English amateur

Jun 7-13: British closed (two and four-man), italy Feb 4-17: World championships (two and four-man), Atlanburg Feb 24-filar 2: World Cup (two and four-

Jen 22: WIBA national singles, Llanell Jan 27: WIBA national pairs, triples and Nours, Tortaen Peb 13-24: WRC world singles and pairs, Preston Star 18-19: BIIBC British championships,

the 20-22 BIFDC home transmittened

Stras, Aberdeta Mar 18: Women's British chem-plonships, Prestwick Mar 24-25: EIBA champion of champions singles, Wellingborough Apr 6-13: EIBA rational championships, Apr 14: WLIBA cher Merthyr Tydfii

Jun 2: International trial match July 1-5: NatWest British lales championships and international series. Eabw Vale Aug 4: Junior international match water. Water Water Aug 11-23: Woolwich EBA national

Aug 17-22 Wootwich EBA National championships, Worthing Aug 18: Wootwich national under-25 singles championship, Worthing Aug 24: NatWest Bank Middleton Cup county championship, Worthing Sept 1: Champion of the competition, Bath Sept 14-18; NatWest national club

Sept 14-19: NetWest netional club championship, Oxford
Sept 18: NetWest under-18 singles competition, Oxford
Sept 17-19: Liverpool Victoria Insurance national mosed fours competition, Notificham
Sept 21-22: McCarthy and Stone National mosed pairs championship

. 4 BOXING

Jan 10-14: Multinations: Stockholm Jan 17: England v Scotland, Angus Hotal, Dundes Feb 4: Young Engand v Young Scotland, Royal Lancaster Hotel, London

Royal Landon Royal semi-finels, Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool May 8-13: European senior cham-

pionehips, Gothenburg May 7: George Wimpey ABA chem-pionehips, Albert Hall

den 10: Lloyd Honeyghan (GB) v Carlos Castello (Mext): Derek Angol v Dan Murphy (US); Duke McKenzie (GB) v Sergio Conejo (Mext), (Lanchmere LC, Bartiscent Battersea) Feb 13: British heavyweight cham-

CANOEING

Mar 25-30: Davinsa-Wannings Apr 20-21: Spring regatts, Holme Plerreport national watersports

Centra, Nottingham
May 11-12: British Open wild water
racing championships, River Tryweryn, North Wates
June 15-23: World championships statom and wild water racing, Tacen.

Yugoslavia July 6-7: Imernational regista, Holmi Pierrepont
July 13-14: International statem, Holms Pierrepont
Aug 19-25: World sprint racing
champonships, Paris
Aug 24-25: National maratheri cham-

CRICKET

Jan 1: Australia v England, World Test, Sydney Jan 10: Australia v England, World

Servis Cup, Welbourne Jam 13: World Senes Cup first final, Sychey Jan 15: World Series Cup second Jan 15: World Series Cup third final (If required), Melbourne Jan 18: Pakistan A v England A, first

Jam 18: Paissan A V England A, hrst one-day match, Multan Jan 20: Pakistan A v England A, second one-day match, Lanore Jan 25-30: Australie v England, fourth Test. Adecade Jan 25-30: Pativistan A v England A, first fix-day match. Guranwela

first one-day match, Napier Jan 28: New Zasland v Sri Lanks, second one-day match, Auckland

Jan 31-Feb 4: New Zealand v Pekisten, first Test, Wellington Feb 1-6: Australia v England, fifth Test Penn Feb 6-10: Pakistan A v England A, second five-day match, Salkot Feb 6: New Zealand v Sri Lanka, third one-day match, Dunedin

Feb 9: New Zealand v England, first one-day international, Christchurch Feb 13: New Zealand v England, Second one-day international, Westington
Feb 13-18: Pakistan A v England A, third five-day match, Peshawar Feb 16: New Zealand v England, A selfet

third one-day international, Auckland. Feb 20: Paxistan A v England A. third one-day match, Karachi Feb 25: West Indias v Australia, first one-day international, Kingston,

Mar 1-5: New Zealand v Sri Lanka, third Test, Auckland

Mar 2-7: Sri Lanka A v England A. and one-day international, Port of

Spain, Trinional Mar 9: Sri Lanks A v England A, oneday match, Colombo

Mer IQ: West Indice v Australia. third
one-day international, Port of Spain,
Trividad

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No. 12: West Indies v Australia,
fourth one-day international,
Endgetown, Barbados

Ner 20: Wast Indies v Australia, fifti

one-day international, Georgetown, Guyane Mar 22-28: Sheffield Shield final Mar 22-38: West Indies v Australia, accord Test, Georgetown, Guyana Apr 5-10: West Indies v Australia, third Test Port of Snain Trinided third Test, Port of Spain, Trinided Apr 19-24: West Indies v Australia, fourth Test, Bridgerown, Barback Apr 27-May 2: West Indies v Australia, fifth Test, St John's,

Apr 15: first-cless season starts Apr 16-19: MCC v Middlesex, Lord's Apr 21: Refugs Assurance Langue Starts Apr 23: Denson and Hedger Cup

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May 27: England v West Indies,
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Jame 12: Benson and Hedges Cup

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accord Combil Test, Lord's
Jese 36: NetWest Trophy first found
July 2-4: Oxford v Cambridge,

July 4-th England v West Indias, shird Cornhill Test, Trent Snoge July 11: NatWest Trophy secon

July 13: Benson and Hedges Cup final, Lord's July 25-29: England v West Indies, fourth Comhill Test. Edgbaston July 31: NatWest Trophy quarter-

rinals
Aug 8-12: England v West Indies,
fifth Comhill Test, The Oval
Aug 14: NatWest Trophy semi-finals
Aug 14: England A v Bri Lanka, Old
Trafford Trafford Aug 15: England A v Sri Lanks, Old

Trafford Ang 22-27: England v Sri Lanks, Comhill Test, Lord's Aug 29: Minor Counties knock-ou final, Lord's

Aug 30: Cockspur Cup club championship final, Lord's Aug 31: National village championship final, Lord's Bep 1: Refuge Assurance Cup se

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Sep 15: Retuge Assurance Cup

final, Oid Trafford

Sep 17-20: Britannic Assurance
championship, final round of matches

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champions v Sheffield Shield winners

Sep 23-28: Britannic Assurance
champions v Sheffield Shield winners

May 29-June 3: Mon's and women's

championiships, Chertenham June 15-16: Home International Allegow July 20: British championship, Huffingham Hurtingham July 21-35: Bridan open

championship, Hurlingham Hurringham Oct 5-6: All-England handlosp final,

CYCLING STATE

Feb 2-3: World cyclo-cross May 25-June 8: Milk Race, starting at Bridlingson, Humberside June 23: Women's national road race

championship, Shropshire June 30: National road race cham-

championship, Dudley July 6-28: Tour de France July 11-20: World junior championships, July 26-Aug 3: National track cham-Aug 4- Wincamon Classic World Cup International professional road ress Aug 6-11: Kelloggs Tour of Britain Aug 14-25: World senior championships, Saugurt

Jan 4-12: Embassy world professional championship, Frindey Green, Surrey Feb 2: Home international cup, Belfasi

DARTS

Oct 10-13: WDF World Cup. The Nov 2: British Gold Cup. Staffordshire Nov 3: British champions cup, Dec 6-7: Winmau world championships, London Dec 27-28: British Open

EQUESTRIANISM Mar 15-17: World dressage finals,

Apr. World show jumping finals May 2-5: Whithread horse trials May 8-12: Floyal Windsor Show, Berksme
May 29-June 1: Royal Bath and West
Show, Shepton Mellett
May 30-June 2: Nations Cup and grand

prix, Hickstead June 6-9: Brannam international horse trials, West Yorkshire June 13-16: Royal Improational show, Birmingham kely 5-7: Goodwood International

dressage championships Aug 1-4: Sik Cup Derby, Hickstead Aug 9-11: British open horse triefs, Gatcombe Park Aug 10-11: British open hunter championships. Dertry
Sept 12-15: Burghley horse trials
Sept 13-15: Nazonal horse driving
championships, Windsor Park Oct 7-12: Horse of The Year Show,

Dec 18-22 International show jumping

Gallacher's men set sail for the island of dreams

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

olf has evaded the recession. In 1991 the PGA European Tour will have a prize fund of approximately £20 million. It is an astonishing sum brought about by a number of factors none of which is more influential than the Ryder Cup, sponsored by Johnnie Walker, which is a fair barometer to the balance of

power in world golf.
At Kiawah Island in South Carolina from September 27 to 29 Europe will attempt to retain Samuel Ryder's golden chalice, which had remained in the custody of the United States for 28 years before 1985. Then Tony Tacklin's inspired leadership. Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle, carried Europe to a momentous win. since when the Americans have failed to regain the trophy.

Bernard Gallacher has succeeded Jacklin as the captain, but the nucleus of the European team will remain uncha Ballesteros and Faldo are likely once more to be supported by Bernhard Langer, José-Maria Olazábal and Ian Woosnam, although Lyle must win back the place he forfeited in 1989.

Dave Stockton, the new United States captain, has stated that Europe will start favourites on a course which he has compared to Open Championship venues. It is true that the Ocean Course at Kirwah Island is adjacent to the Atlantic, although whether it will resemble a links in playing characteristics remains to be seen as it will not officially open

until late spring.
Gallacher is far too astute to allow Stockton's outlook to breed complacency within his own team. He will certainly command the respect of his players in seeking to emulate Jacklin by creating a high-octane brand of team spirit.

Gallacher can count upon in having the best players in the world. Faldo unquestionably proved himself in 1990 to be No. I and at Augusta in April he will endeavour to create another slice of history by winning the Masters for a third successive

Faldo's achievement in winning two Masters and two Open Championships in the last four

FENCING

Jan 26: British épés championship

Feb 2-3: British épée championahip: Individual and team (woman)

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champiorninios, Buoapest, Hungary

FOOTBALL ...

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Jan 12: FA Trophy, first round
Jan 18: FA Wase, fourth round
Jan 28: FA Cup, fourth round
Jan 28: FA Cup, fourth round
Feb 2: FA Trophy, second round
Feb 6: England v Cameroon, Wemble
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Feb 18: FA Visse, fifth round
Feb 18: Rumbelows Cup, semi-fina
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first leg Feb 18: FA Cup, fifth round Feb 23: FA Trophy, third round Feb 27: Rumbelows Cup, semi-fin

second leg Nam ≥ FA Vase, shith round Mar 6: European Cup quarter-finals, fin

leg Mar 9: FA Cup, eixth round; England

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Mer 20: European Cup, quarrar-finals, second leg
Mer 23: FA Vese, semi-finals, first leg
Mer 25: England v Republic of tretand under-21 immentional
Mer 27: European Championship:
England v Republic of Ireland;
Scottand v Bulgana; Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland; Belgium v Wales
Mer 30: FA Vase, semi-finals, first leg
Apr 10: European Cup, semi-finals, first leg
Apr 10: European Cup, semi-finals, first leg

ieg Apr 13: FA Trophy, semi-finals, second

leg Apr 14: FA Cup, semi-firms Apr 21: Rumbelows Cup, final Apr 24: European Cup, semi-fina

second leg Apr 27: FA County Youth Cup, finel

Apr 30: Turkey v England under-21 international; Wates v England

European youth championship
May 1: European Championship: Turkey
v England: Sen Marino v Scotland

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May 4: FA Vace their
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May 11: FA Trophy final
May 15: European Cup Winners' Cup
India

May 18: FA Cup final; Tennents Scottish

May 19: Play-offs, semi-finals, first leg May 21: England v Soviet Union

Wembley
May 22: UEFA Cup final, second leg:
England v Wales European youth
championship march; Play-offs: Semifinals, second leg
May 25: England v Argentine, Wembley
May 25: European Cup final
May 31-June 1; Play-offs, finals
June 5: European Championship: Wales
v Wast Germany
June 8: Schoolbov International:

June 8: Schoolboy International England v West Germany Aug 10: Tennent's FA Charity Shield

Sept 11: England v Germany, Wembley Oct 18: European Championship: England v Turkey

Nov 13: European Championship: Poland v England

GLIDING

June 15-23: Standard class

nationals, Dunstable June 23-July 6: European junior

épée, FIE A grade (men)

May 8-12: World cadet

Leader of the pack: Faldo, feared and respected by the American challengers as the best in the world

Jacklin won the title. Then Faldo will defend the Open Champyears continued the trend of

It is rare, however, for the US Open trophy to be plucked from merican hands, and Faldo will in June be driven by this thought at Hazeltine National in Chaska,

ionship at Royal Birkdale in July before attempting to win his first US PGA championship, which takes place three weeks after the Open at Crooked Stick, Carmel, Olazábal and Woosnam will

month programme the highlights of which are likely to be the Volvo PGA championship and the GA European Open. although the German Open has each hope to win a major additional kudos, for it is at championship. Their appear-Hubbeirath, Dusseldorf, that Eu-

ances in Europe are likely to be fewer, which could open the

rope's Ryder Cup team will be GYMNASTICS.

apparatus championships, Crawley
Apr 13-14: British women is artistic asam
championships, Bognor Regis
Apr 27: Delay Mirror Champions all
international, Birmangham NEC
flay 11: Weenabix young gymnast of the
year finets (boys and girls)
liky 18: Individual apparatus and

Costa, California Feb 7-10: Desert Classic, Emirates. Feb 14-17: Australian Masters, Hunt-

HANDBALL Apr 14-15: National League men's play-oits, Rutstip Apr 21-22: National League men's play-offs. Sationt Sept 28-29: Atlantic Cup,

HANG GLIDING Mar 28-Apr 1: Monte Grappa meeting, Bassano, Italy Mar 29-Apr 8: Shima-Seiki Open, Japan Apr 11-14: British championship, Waies May 4-7: British championship, Wales May 25-28: British women's champlonship, Derbyshire May 25-June 2: Lariano Triangle competition, Lake Como, Italy June 14-17: British championship, time 15-23: Sandla Classic, Umted June 29-30: Borders Cup. Scotland July 17-21: Troteo Internazionale Monte Cueco, italy Aug 4-10: British championship,

Sept 1-7: Bienot Cup, Yorkshire Dales

Jan 4-6: European Indoor club cham-Jan 25: Royal Bank Indoor club finals. Feb 6-10: Indoor world masters, Glasgow Feb 22-24: European indoor cup, Birmingnem Mer 17: Nationwide Angila Cup quarter-Mar 24: Nationwide Anglia Cup semi-

Sept 5-6: Walker Cup, Portmernock Sept 5-6: Ebel European Masters, Crane-sur-Sierre Gamon and Scarporough North Citri Sept 12-15: Lancome Trophy, St-Nom-Sept 18-17: Equity and Law Challenge, Royal Mid-Surrey Sept 19-22: Epson grand prix, St Pierre, Characterist

Sept 27-29: Ryder Cup, Kiawah Island, South Carolina Oct 10-13: Dunhill Cup, St Andrews Oct 17-20; World match play cham-pionship, Westworth Oct 24-27; Volvo Mesters, Valderrame Nov 7-70: Asahi Glass four tours

champonship, Australia Dec 19-22: Johnnie Walker world championship of golf, Tryali, Jamaica

Jan 25-27: British women's rhythmic

Sept 6-15: World artistic champlonships, Oct 9-13: World rhythmic cham-

Laragne, France

Aug: 18-25: United States nationals,

Owens Valley

HOCKEY finess
Apr 7: Nationwide Anglia Cup final,
Kenisworth Road, Luton
Apr 21: Poundstretcher League Cup

May 11: County championship quarter-May 12: Poundstretcher League Cup final, Kentworth Road, Luton
May 17-20: European club championships May 18-19: County championship, semi-

finals and final June 16-23: European cup, Paris Jan 25-27: HDM indoor tournament, The Hague Feb 15-17: Indoor European club Mar 1-3: Home countries senior

tournment, Durnam
Mar 16: Typnoo Tea Cup: England v
France, Wempley
Mar 23: Typnoo National League
fine matterns 18 matches, Litternat Mer 30-Aor 1: Senior international tournament, Munich Apr 12-14: England v Belgium, Apr 19-21; National club

finalised on August 25 May 17-20: European clubs championship May 19: Veterane championship,

door for a new name to lead the

The Desert Classic has been

pencilled-in to start a nine-

Volvo Order of Merit.

May 25-27: Typhoo National League Sept 7-18: Champions Trophy,

Oct 12-27: Olympic qualifier,

ICE HOCKEY

Jen 2: Greet Britain v Lada Togiletti Mar 9-10: Scottish Cup finals, Murray-Mar 23-Apr 3: World and European championships, pool C, Denmark .

Mar 28-Apr 7: World and European plonships, quarter-linais
Apr 19-May 4: World and European
championships, pool A, Finland
Apr 26-28: Hemeken British championships, Wembley Arena

ICE SKATING Jan 22-27: European figure and dance championships, Solia
Feb 2-3: Women's world speed Championships, Hamer Feb 8-10: Men's word speed cham-pionships, Herenveen, The Netner-Feb 23-24: World sprint championship.

Mar 11-17: World figure and dance championships, Munich Mar 22-24: World short track speed championships, North Ryde, Australia Mar 17: Skate Electric British Challenge, finals Mar 30-31: World short track speed

JUDO Feb 8-10: International A Feb 15-17: International A tournament. Feb 23-24; International A tournament,

Fen 23-24: Letts Scottish open championslps, Mezdowbank SC, Edinburgh Mar 2-3: International A tournament, Mar 9-10: International A tournament,

Prague
Apr 13-14: British open championships. Crystal Palace NSC
May 12: National team championships, Hagen Hill LC June 15-16: International A tournament, Leonding, Austra Aug 24-25: International A tournament, Warsew

Sept 8: NHC open championships, High Wycompe SC, Home international tournament, Cardiff Oct 19-20: International A tournament, Oct 26-27: European team cham-Dec 7-8: National closed championships,

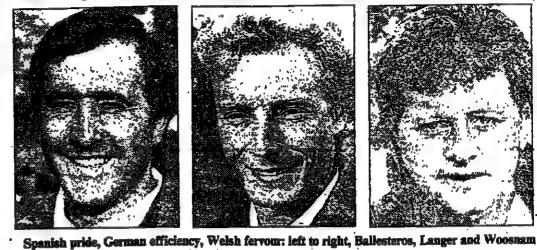
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Championship, Reading University Apr 13, England mais Apr 20: Under-21 home Internationals, Wales
Apr 27-28: Clubs and Colleges Championship, Coonam, Surrey May 4: Wales v England, Wales May 11: Scotland v Wates, Sociland

May 18: England v Scotland, England

England four to United States

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European players performing

well in the major championships

as initiated by Ballesteros (three

Opens, two Masters), Langer

(Masters) and Lyle (Masters and

Minnesota, where 21 years ago

June 30 July 13: World championships, Minden, Nevada July 13-21: 15m class resionals,

contest, Fusbanda Boaworth

Aug 10-18: Open class nationals, Enstone, Oxfordshire : Aug 24-Sept 1: National junior

GOLF

Jen 3-6: Tournament of Champions, L

Nice Mar 19-22: Sunningdale Foursomer

Sunningdale Mer 28-31: The Players Championship, Ponse Vedra, Florida Apr. 11-14: The Masters, Augusta

Apr 18-21: Benson and Hedgee International, St Medion Apr 25-28: Ford Women's Classic,

May 4-5: Lytham Trophy, Royal Lythan and St Annes

May 4-5: Berichire Trophy, The

May 16-18: Memorial tournament, Multitled Village, Onio May 17-19: Brabazon Trophy, Hun-

May 24-27: Volvo PGA championship,

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May 30-June 2: Dwwlii British Massers

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June 8-9: Murphy's Cup, Fulford, York June 13-18: US Open, Hazeitine Nutfonial, Chauka, Minnesota June 20-23: Carrolis Insti Open,

Killarney, County Kerry une 26-30: European men's team championship, Puerta de Hierro,

Macros 27-30: Peugeot French Open, National GC, Parts July 18-13: Bet's Scottleh Open, Glassester

Gleneagies July 11-14 Seniors British Open, Royal

Lytham and St Annes July 18-21: 120th Open championship, Royal Birkdale

Royal Birkdale
July 29-Aug 3: English amateur championship, Formby

Aug 1-4: Scandinavian Masters, Stock

Aug 1-4: Westabix British women's

Aug 8-11: US PGA championship, Crooked Stick, Carmet Aug 15-18: NM English Open, The Bettry Aug 15-18: The International, Castle Pines, Colorado Aug 22-25: Volvo German Open, Hübbelrath, Düsseldorf Aug 22-25: Wond Series of Gott, Praemona CC Akmin One

Firestone CC, Akron, Onio Aug 22-25: European women's open, TBA

Aug 29-Sept 1: GA European Open Walton Heath, Surrey

Jan 2-6: President's Putter, Rye

MODERN PENTATHLON

- Feb 23-24: British modern istrathion championships, Bractinell May 11-12: British modern tetrathion championships, Miltion Keynes June 21-24: World Cup International, Milton Keynes July 12-14: British Open championships, Corby July 13-14: Immisshonal blathion competition, Corby Aug 21-27: Men's world championships, United States Sept 20-22: British women's championships, Knussford Nov 1-5: Women's world championships, Australia Nov 23-24: British modern blathion championships, St. Albans

MOTORCYCLING

Grand Prix World Champion Grand Prix World Championship Mar 24: Japen, Suzuke Apr 7: United States, Laguna Seca May 12: Spain, Jeraz May 19: http://misano May 26: Germany, Hockenheim June 9: Austria, Salzburgring June 16: Yugoslavia, Rijeka June 30: Netherlands, Assen June 30: Netherlands, Assen July 21: France I a Convilor July 21: France, Le Cestellet Aug 4: Britain, Donington Aug 18: San Marino, Imola Aug 25: Czechoslovakian, Brind Sept 8: Brazik, Imartagos Sept 29: Malaysia, Shah Alam Moto-cross 500cc championship Mar 10: Sideup OMC, Swantey Mar 31: Norwich Viking MCC, Lyng.

Morfolk
May 19: Cambridge Matchiese MC
and CC, Elsworth Moso Parc,
Cambridge
July 28: North Western Centre,
Cuerden Park, Preston
Sept 1: Northallerton-Thrak MC's,
Boltby Moto Park, Thrak
Sept 8: Torndge and DMC,
Tornton Torrington Sept 22: Crawley and DMC,

Dankfield
Oct 13: Themes Down MCC,
Foxhills Moto Parc, Swindon
May 19: BMF Raily, East of England
Showground, Peterborough
May 27-June 7: Isla of Man 1T races

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Mar 24: Brazil, Imengalos
Apr 28: Sen Marino, Imola
May 12: Monaco, Montre Cerlo
Jame 2: Canada, Montres
June 18: Marico, Bodrinare June 16: Mexico, Rodriguez July 2: France, Rodriguez
July 2: France, Magny Cours
July 2: Germany, Hockenhelm
Aug 11: Hungary, Hungagoring
Aug 3: Betgium, Spa
Sept 8: Portugal, Estoril
Sept 22: Spain, Barcalom
Oct 20: Japan, Susuka
Nov 3: Australia, Adelaide World sports car char

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sournement Apr 27: Nettonal Under-16, Under-18 and Under-21 tournament. Oncer-and Under-21 tournament. Apr 28: National clubs somi-finals. May 17: National clubs finals. June 29-Joby 13: World

West Indies New 20: Second intermetional: England v West Indies Nov 23: Third Immuniones, England

CHORENTEERING N

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Newtry Bridge Mar 29-Apr 1: TSB Jan Kjellstrom Apr 6-7: BSSF championships,

May 4-5: TSB British championships, Ainwick Bley 26: Wretin national event, Shrewbury June 8: INT national event, Dunkaid Aug 4-10: Scottish six-days, Southern Uplands Oct 8: ESOC national avent.

Dunkald Oct 20: Cambrio national event. Betws y Coed 。 第14章 第14章 第14章

May 17-Jun 9: Queens Cup, Guards May 17-Jun & The Prince of Wales Trophy, RCSPC une 4-23: Royal Windoor Cup, Guards Club June 29-Jul 21: British Open

championship, Cowdray
July 12-16; Writtersed Cup, Rutland
July 21: Laurent-Perrier Terre
regimental final, Guards Cab
July 28: Cartier International Cay, Guards Chili July 29-Aug 4: Cowdray Park

challenge cup
Aug 9-11: Daily Telegraph Pony
Gub champlonship, Cowdray Park
Aug 12-18: National eight-goal
championship, Chemin
Aug 20-Sept 1: The Enumb Moore
Memorial tournament, RCBPC
Sept 2-15: Guarda autumn
tournament, Guarda Club

COMPERIOR NO.

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Jen 12: Victor Chandler Chass. Ascot: The Ladbroke, Leopardstown Feb 2: Weedel Cable Chempion

Hurdis, Lapoerdstown
Feb 9: Tota Gold Trophy, Newbury
Feb 16: Hennessy Cognec Irish Gold
Cup, Leopardstown
Feb 23: Racing Post Chase. Kempton Park Mar 12: Smurfit Champion Hurdle, Charonham Mar 13: Queen Mother Champion

Apr 6: Seagram Grand National,

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Chase, Crestainnen

Mar 14: Tota Chatennen Gold Cup. Mar 22: William Hill Lincoln, May 7-12: British professional singles chempionship, Holyport

Apr 1: Jameson Irleh Grand National, Fairyhouse Apr 16: Nell Gwyn Stakes, Newmarket Apr 17: Ladbroke European Free

Apt 17: Ladbroke Europeen Free Handicap, Newmarket Apr 18: Chartee Hedgleck Chempegne Craven Stakes, Newmarket Apr 19: Geinsborough Stud Fred Derling Stakes, Newbury Apr 20: Singer and Friedlender Greentem Stakes, Newbury; Will Hill Scottish National, Ayr Apr 27: Whitbread Gold Cap, Sandown Park Blay 2: General Accident Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket Blay 2: General Accident Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket May 4: General Accident 2:000 Guinees, Newmarket May 4: General Accident 2:000 Guinees, Newmarket May 5: French 2:000 Guinees, Lucychapp Blay 7: Datham Hall Chester Vase, Longonamp Kay 7: Datham Hall Chester Valle.

Chester May 12: French 1,000 Guiness, Longotemp May 15: William Dente Stakes, York May 18: Airtie-Coolmore Irien 2,000 Guineas, Curragh May 24: The Times Point-to-point Final, Towcester The 25: Gotta insh 1,000 Guineas, Currigh June 2: French Derby, Chentilly June 4: Kentucky Derby, Churchill Donce Line & Ever Reedy Derby, Epsom-lisse & Hanson Comation Cup.

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June 18t St Junes a Patica Stakes,

Royal Ascot

June 18t Coronation Stakes, Royal Ascot June 20: Gold Cup, Rivel Ascot June 21: King's Stand States, Royal

Curragh
July 6: Coral-Eclipea Staline,
Services Park

July 6: Coral-Eclipas Status,
Sandown Park
July 10: Anglis Television July
States, Newmarket
July 10: Anglis Television July
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July 11: Carroll Foundation July
Cup, Newmarket
July 13: Kildanger Stud Irieh Oeks,
Curragh
July 27: King George VI and Queen
Elizabeth Diamond States, Ascott
July 37: William Hill Stewards' Cup,
Goodwood
July 31: Sowheppes Goiden Mile,
Goodwood

boowt Aug 2: Motecomb Stakes, Goodwood Aug 2: Vodefone Nessau Stakes Aug 3: Vodefone Nessau Stakes Aug 2: Juddmonte International Stakes. York Stakes, York
Aug 21: Tota Ebor Handicap, York
Aug 22: Keeneland Nurthorpe
Stakes, York
Aug 28: Beefaater Gin Calebration
Mile, Goodwood

Aug 24: Decreasor Can Camprapor-Mile, Goodwood Sept 7: Arlington Million, Chicago Sept 7: Ladoroke Sprint Cup, Haydock Park Sept 11: A F Budge Park Hill Stakes, Doncester
Sept 12: Doncester Cup
Sept 13: Laurent Parriel
Crempagne States
Sept 14: St Leger, Doncester
Sept 20: Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup
Sept 21: Rokeby Farms Mill Reef
States, Newbury; Irlsh St Leger,
Carrach

Curregh
Sept 28: Cupen Elizzabeth II Stakee,
Ascot
Oct 2: Tattersalis Cheveley Park
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Oct 2: Newgate Stati Middle Park
Stakes, Newmarket
Oct 4: Somerville Tatternell Stakes, Newmarket
Oct S: William H# Cembridgesgire,

Newmarket
Oct & Cigar Prix de l'Arc de
Triomphe, Longchemp
Oct 18: Three Chimneys Dewhurst Stakes, Newmarket
Oct 19: Dubai Champion Stakes and
Tote Ceserewitch, Newmarket
Oct 26: Racing Poet Trophy, Doncaster Oct 27: French St Leger,

Longchamp Oct 25: Raccoall Gold Trophy, Redger Nov 2: Sreeders' Cup, Churchill Nov B: Macksoon Gold Cup, Cheltenham; William Mil November Handicap, Doncesser Nov S: Fosters Melbourne Cup, Plemington Nov 23: Hennessy Gold Cup,

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Chase, Kampton Park
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July 18-21: Germany
July 23-26: Arpenana
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Sept 18-23: Australia Sept 19-23: Australia Oct 13-18: San Remo, Italy Oct 27-Nov 2: Ivory Coest Oct 39-Nov 2: Cambring Hoy 24-23: Lomberd RAC, British Open raily champtonship
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May 3-5; British america doubles

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All-powerful All Blacks start as favourites again

ugby union's inaugural World Cup in 1987 was the product of many years' gestation; only with reluctance did the four me unions agree to its incepthinking of all the leading rugby-playing countries, and many of the minor ones, too.

The second tournament takes place in England, Scotland, Iro-land, Wales and France in October, 1991 — who would believe that one of the recommendations from the 1987 tournament, staged in New Zealand and Australia, was that the competition should be confined to one country?

If playing success was the only criterion then France, beaten finalists in 1987, should have been the first northern-hemi-sphere hosts, but it was agreed that the countries which make up the five nations champ-ionship should share that distinction. There is a certain irony in that, too, since it was the existence and immense popular success of the annual championship which was one of the motivating forces behind the Antipodean push for a World Cup in the first place.

New Zealand, the holders, will open the 1991 tournament against England at Twickenham. where the final will also be staged on November 2. It takes only scant knowledge of rugby to know that the All Blacks, formidable opponents in any era, will not concede the Webb Ellis Trophy easily and that, in the continued absence of South Africa, they remain the favourites-

New Zealand's preparations will occupy two levels during the coming months: their senior side has a tour scheduled to Argen-tina and, in August, they play Australia home and away, they also have home tours by Romamis and the USSR in which to refine their World-Cup squad before arrival in Britain in mid-September.

Gary Whetton, the Anckland lock who succeeded Wayne Shelford as New Zealand's captain last summer, looks likely to conclude a decade in the All-Black second row during the tournament. He already holds, jointly with Colin Meads, his country's record as most-capped

In September England will be completing an internal tour which incorporates games against the USSR, Gloucester and England Students, Geoff Cooke, the national team manager, was an interested observer when New Zealand beat France in their two-match series in November and, though he dismisses the myth of New Zealand invincibility, recognises how difficult they remain to beat.

England and Scotland appear, at this stage, to represent the best northern-hemisphere hope for success in the tournament, unless France emerge like some phoenix from the ashes of 1990. Scotland, in pool two alongside Ireland, Zimbabwe and Japan, will be rewarded with a string of home games if they can keep the winning habit while England, like Wales, have a closeseason visit to Australia.

PREIGHARME FOR THE WORLD CUP

Oct & England v New Zealand, Twickenham, 3.0 Oct 4: Australia v Argentina, Lianelli, 2.0; Franca v Romania, Buciera, ILO Oot 5: Italy v United States, Otley, 1.0; Scotland v Jepan, Murrayfield, 3.0; Fiji v Canada, Bayonne, 8.0

Oct 6: Wales v Western Samos, Cardiff, 1.0; Ireland v Zimbathwe, Dublin, 3.0 Oct 8: New Zeeland v United States, Gloucester, 1.0; England v Italy, Twickenham, 3.0; France v Fij. Grenoble, 8.0

Oct 9: Wales v Argentine, Cardiff, 1.0; Scotland v Zimbabwe, Murrayfield, 3.0; Ireland v Jepse, Dublin, 6.0; Australia v Western Samoa, Pomypool, 8.0; Carada v Romania, Toutous, 6.0 Oct 11: England y United State Twickenham, 5.0

AND ROWING LEAST

Mer 23: Head of the River Race, River

Mer 30: Oxford v Cambridge Boat Ress

Putney to Mortaise April: FISA Cup: San Diego crew classic April: Scullers Head of the River, River

Aur 20-21: FISA Cup: Pledituco Reguttu.

May 10-12: Ghent Regatts, power sprint May 11-12: Mannhelm Regatts, Ger-

meny May 25-28: FISA Cup: Duleberg Regetta June 15-16: Grunsu Regatta, Germeny June 29-30: FISA Cup: Amsendam

Regions
July 3-7: Henley Royal Regatta
July 12-14: FISA Cup: Lucerne Regatta
July 25-25: Masch des Seniors (NARO),

Aug 18-25: World chempionships,

STREET OF A STREET

Jan 12: Ragal Trophy, final Jan 28: British Coal under-21 Inter-national: Fizzase v Great British,

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Britain, Perpignen Feb St Silk Cut Challenge Cup, first

round
Peb 12: British Coal under-21 Inter-national: Great British v France
Peb 16: British Coal Test: Great British v

Prance Feb 22: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, second

mund St. Silk Cut Challenge Cup, third

round Mar 23: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, first

Mar 30: Sile Cut Challenge Cup, second

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Apr 27: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, final, Wernhier

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v Scotland, Paris
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Feb 1: Scotland Students v Wetch
Students, Heriot's FP
Feb 2: Scotland v Wates, Edinburgh;
Ireland v France, Dublin; ADT county

championship semi-finals
Feb 10: England v Walks women's
hawtenoval, Waterloo
Feb 15: England B v Italy, Hartequine;
England B v Italy, Hartequine;
England Sucones v Scottles Students,
Control Students,

Comprises
Feb 16: England v Scotland, Twicken
hem; Wales v Ireland, Cardiff

Mer 1: Iretend B v England B, Dublin Mer 2: Iretand v England, Dublin; France v Wales, Paris; Scotland B v France B,

Mer 2: Ireland v England, Dublin; France v Wales, Parks, Scotland B v France B, Gasgow Mer & East Machands v Swharlans Mer 18: England B v France B, Bristot; English Students v France B, Bristot; English Students v Franch Students, Portsmouth; Scotland s briston; England v France, Twickenheam; Scotland v Ireland, Edinburgh Mer 20: UAU fines; Twickenheam; Scotland v Ireland, Edinburgh Mer 20: UAU fines; Twickenheam; Scotland v Ireland, Edinburgh Mer 27: Scotland Southerts v Scotland under-21, Murray/teid Mer 32: Carolff v Estuarians Apr 1: Swinsed v Barbarians Cup final, Twickenham

Apr 6-14: Women's World Cup, Wales
Apr 20: Wales under-21 v Scottand
under-21, Lianelli; ADT county cham-pionetalo linel, Twickschem

Apr 27: Ulster, Muneter, Leinster and Connecte Cup finals

Mar & Women's Head of the River,

Oct 12: Scotland v Ireland, Murra 1.0; Wales v Australia, Cerdiff, 3.0; France v Canada, Agen, 8.0 Oct 13: New Zealand v Italy, Leicester, 1.0; Fiji v Romanie, Brive, 8.0

Oct 14: Zirosbun v Jamen, Ballast, 5.0; Argentina v Western Samoa, Pontypriad, 7.0 Oct 19: Winner Pool 2 v Runner-up Pool 3, Murrayfield, 1.0; Winner Pool 4 v Runner-Up Poot 1, Paris, 2.45

Oct 20: Winner Pool 3 v Runner-up Pool 2, Lansdowne Road, 1.0; Winner Pool 1 v Runner-up Pool 4, Line 2A5 Oct 25: Semi-finel: B v C, Murrayfield, 2.30 Oct 27: Semi-finel: A v D, Cardiff, 2.30 Oct 30: Third and fourth place play-off, Cardiff, 2.30 Nov 2: Final, Twickenham, 2.30

May 4: Plikington Cup final, Twicken-ham: Schweppes Welsh Cup final, Caroffi

May 11: Middlesex sevens, Twickerk May 18: United States v Scotte Connecticut

May 29: Canada v Scotland, New Brunswick

me 15: New Zeeland XV v United

States. Harmition June 22: Romania v France, venue to be

Tonvocatos July 20: Fijl v England, Suva July 21: Australie v Wales, Brisbane July 22: Emerging Australians v England,

Sydney
July 27: Australia v England, Sydney
July: proposed four-mesch tour of
Namitiza by Instand
July/August England Students tour to
Canada

England Students tour to

Sept 7: England v Soviet Union, Twickenham; Scotland v Berosners,

Murrayfield lept 14: Gloucester v England XV,

Kingsholm Sept 22: England Students v England XV, Campridge Dec 7: Scotland B v Ireland B, venue to

Dec 10: Oxford University v Cambridge University, Twickenheim

SHOOTING

Peb 24: British airgun onamporships, Manchester Peb 28-Mar 2: European airgun champonships, Manchester

championshipe, Bisley

Ame 25-July S. Negonal streetborn
meeting, Dumines

Ady 17-25: European smallborn

championships, Bologna, Itali Aug 17-24: National smallbon o championships, Bisley Aug 24-26: National pistol

SKIING

Jan 8: Berger, Germany (women) Jan 12-13: Kitzbühal, Austra (men);

(men) Jan 17-15: Menbel, France (women) Jan 15-20: Wengen, Switzerland

(women)
Pab 5-10: Val d'Isere, France (men)
Pab 18: Zwasse, Germany (women)
Pab 25-24: Furano, Japan (women)
Star 1-2: Lifehammer, horway (men
Mar 2-3: Marchia, Japan (women)
Mar B-16: Aspen, United States
(men)

(men) May 9-11: Laka Louise, Carrada

(women)

Item 9-16: British championships,
Tignes, Franca
Item 16-17: Lake Louise, Cunade
(man); Vali, United States (women)
Item 28-24: Waterwife Valley, United States (roon and women)

Maribor, Yugoslavia (women)

Jan 21-Fat 2: World

Apr 17-21: World airgun chempionsnips, Stevens May 4-6: English shooting

chempioniships, Sisie Way 25-27: Prezit 91

World Cup

Jan 5-6: Garmi



Unbreakable lock: Whetton, certain to be a key figure

SNOOKER

Jen 1-12: Mercantile Credit Cincelo. Sournemouth
Feb 3-10: Benson and Hadges Masters. Feb 17-Mar 2: Pearl Assurance British Open, Assembly Rooms, Derby Mar 9-17: European Open Apr 20-May & Embassy world cham-pionahip, Crudbie Theatre, Shetheld

Paris June 9: New Zeeland XV v Romenia, Auckland June 12-July 17: New Zeeland tour to Jan 12: British lates Open (pro-am), semi-finals and final confirmed June 30: W Australia v Wales, Perth July 7: NSW v England, Sydney; Queensland v Wales, Brabane July 10: Victoria XV v England, Melbourne; ACT v Wales, Carbarra July 14: Queensland v England, Brisbene; Sydney v Wales, Sydney July 18: Fiji B v England, Nadi July 17: Queensland B v Wales, Toovloomba Mar 23: Inter-county championships semi-finals and final, Chamwood SC, som-finals and final, Champonship, Loughborough May 4: United Kingdom pairs championship (test 16), Woking SC May 4-11: Pontins amateur Isstival, Pressano

Prestatyn May 25-28: BCE English Open Brist, Manor LFC, Yeadon, Leeds Sept 28-Oct 5: Home amateur internationals, Prestatyr

SQUASH RACKETS

Jan 4-8: Senior home internationals, Jan 27-22: National championships Jan 21-25: FIA Masters, Pakistan Feb B-19: Mercia Open, Stourbridge 9C

Feb 9-10: SRA women's inter-count league, finals
Feb 14-17: Insh women's open. Dublin
Feb 20-25: Leekes Classic, Cardiff
Near 8-11: Bridge of Allan Open, Scotlant Mar 8-11: Bridge of Attan Open, Scotland
Mar 15-17: Wimbledon Cup, Wimbledon
S and 30
Mar 25-Apr 1: Scotlish Open
Apr 13-22: British Open championships,
Lambs SC, Wembley
May 2-5: European team championships, Germany
May 4-6: National club championship
finats, Ousen's Tower SC, Sheffield
May 11-12: National league challenge.

May 11-12: National league challenge Edgbeston Priory SC, Birmingham May 25-25: Siazenger grand prix finals

SURFING

Mar 29-Apr 1: Scottish national

championships, Thurso May 4-6: Weish national championships, South Waters May 4-6: English national championships May 28-June 2: British national championships, Swansea June 29-30: British Cup sense, South Wales or Bude July 28-Aug 11: European championships, Tel Aviv, Israel Aug 24-26: British Cup senss, Fistral, Newquav Fistral, Newquay Sept 28-29: British Cup series, Oct 19-20: British Cup series, South

SWIMMING

Jan 3-13: World chempionships, Superdrome, Parth, Australia Jan 25-27: British grand prix IV, Feb 15-17: British grand prix V, Newcastie Mar 8-10: British grand prix finel, Southampton Mar 13-14. World Cup I, Milan Mar 16-17: World Cuc il Sont Mar 18-17: Home nations water polo tournament Syrhast Mar 19-20: Wond Cup III, Malmo, Mar 21-24: European diving cup, Ponds Forge, Shetheld Mar 23-24: World Cup IV, Rostock Germany Mar 26-27: World Cup V, Leningred Mar 28-30: World Cup VI, Ponds Forge,

Mar 30-31: Seven Nations intermediate international, Spain Apr 2-5: Edinburgh International meeting. Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh Apr 3-7: Str. nations water pole to property Shathard Apr 12-13: GB club team cham-Apr 12-13: World Cup VII. Montreal Apr 20-21: Eight nationa international, Empre Pool. Cardiff Apr 27-28: European Community club

championships, Endhoven May 4-8: Speedo Meet, Empire Pool, Carditt May 10-12: National diving championships, Plymouth
May 11: Schools water poto
championships, Raddiffe, Manchester
May 25-28: British deep water water
poto championsips, Ponda Forge,
Shelfield

Shemad Stay 31-June 2: Monaco International, Monac Carlo June 7-8: Seven Hills International:

Rome
Rome
Sane 13-16: Scottish national champonships, Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh
June 14-16: International de Canet,
Canet 66 club, France
June 18-19: Commonwealth Ete seving

June 18-19: Commonwealth life saving championshipe. Coventry July 4-7: National age group diving championships. Crystal Palace July 5-7: Westen national championships, Empire Pool. Cardiff July 6: Water polo club championships, Ponds Forge, Sheffield July 11-25: World Student Games, Shaffield Shaffless July 13: Two-way senior six miles content Aug 1-4: ASA national championalps. Aug 1-4: European junior cham-pionships, Amwerp Aug 2-4: Womens six nations water polo tournament, Ponds Forge, Shetfield Aug S-18: ASA national age-group

championships, Coventry Aug 18-25: European cha Sept 4-8: European masters championstrips, Covernry Sept 15: Speedo league final, Empire Pool, Cardiff Pool, Cardiff
Nov 1-2: Great Britain masters
championships, Scotland
Nov 1-3: National winter diving
championships, Crystal Palace
Nov 2-3: National synctronised swimming championships Now 9: UK Itesaving championships, Coventry Pool Nov 30: Esso inter-county knock-out final, Coventry

Dec 6-7: First European sprint cham-pionships, Herzig, Norway

TABLE TENNIS

Jan 4-6: Stiga World grand prix inestare Jan 11: England v France, Crowtree LC, Sunderland Jan 12-13: Cleveland 5 Star, Jan 12-13: Lisvaer at June, Stockton Jan 16: England v Hungary, European league first leg, Budapest Jan 22: England v Hungary, European women's league, first leg Jan 24: England v Hungary, European league, second leg, Milton

Keynes Jan 24-26: World championships, Crupa, Japan Feb 9: European Laague final, first leg Feb 9-10: Witshire Five Star,

Feb 12 England v Hungary, European women s league, second Feb 15-17: Women's British League, Crystel LC. Stourondge Feb 23-24: South of England Three Ster Famborough Mar 9-10: Senior national

championships, Crystal LC, Stourbridge Mar 16: European League final, Mar 30-31: Essex Five Ster,

Bietchiey LC Sept 10: Nitteku Ali Stars world circuit finals, Japan
Sept 27-29: European Masters Cup,
Germany
Dec 5-8: Stiga World grand prix

TENNIS

Jan 14-27: Australian Open (men

Jan 14-27: Australian Open (men and woman), Nationams
Feb 1-3: Davis Cup, first round
Feb 18-24: Stumpart Classics (men)
Mar 15-24: Lipton Internanional, Key
Biscayne (men and woman)
Mar 25-31: Davis Cup, second round
April 22-28: Volvo Open, Monte Carlo
Imen)
May 3-5: Davis Cup (zonal, second round; Britain v Poland or Romana
May 8-12: German open, Hamburg (men); Italian Open, Rome (men);
German Open, Hamburg (woman)
May 13-18: Italian Open, Rome (men);
German Open, Hamburg (woman)
May 20-28: World Team Cup (men),
Dusseldorf
Bay 27-Jane 9: Franch Open (men and Dusseldorf
Nay 27-June 9: French open (men and women), Paris
June 3-9: Direct Line Insurance (men),

Beckenhum June 10-16: Stella Artois (men), Queen's; Dow Classic (women), Barmingham
June 17-22: Manchester Open (men);
Piliungton Glass (women), Eastbourne
June 24-July 7: Wimbledon
Championships (men and women)
July 22-28: Federation Cup, Notingham

July 22-28: Federation Cup, Notingham (women)
Aug 26-Sept 8: US Open (men and women), New York
Sept 20-22: Davis Cup, semi-finals and qualifying round for world group
Oct 21-27: Michand Bank championships, Brighton (women); Stockholm Open (men)
Oct 28-Nov 3: Paris Open; National Chumpognahos

Churmonihos

Nov 4-10: Des Pepsi Challenge (men)

Nov 11-17: ATP tour finals (men),

Frankfurt

Nov 18-24: Virginia Silms championships
(women), New York

Nov 29-Dec 1: Davis Cup final

- VOLLEYBALL

Mer 23: National finals, Crystal Paince
Apr 6-7: British championships (men and women), Sheffield
Sept 7-15: European championship (men), Germany Sept 13-14; SuperCup (men and Sept 19-21: Royal Bank International (men), Birmingham Sept 21-29: European championship (women), Upsala, Sweden Nov 8-17: FIVB World Cup (women),

Nov 11-Oec 1: World club championship (men) Nov 26-Dec 1: FIVB World Cup (men), Japan

WATER SKIING May 25-25: Caribo g Masters, May 31-June 1: Sola Masters, Karlet July 13-14: PAWS Tour July 27-28: Day plorerups Aug 3-4: European Cup final, Fagersta, Sweden; British barefoot cham-pionships Aug 14-15: World racing championahipa Darwin, Australia Aug 15-18: European championships, Pott, Soviet Union Aug 28-Sept 1: European cham-pionships, Great Britain

WEIGHTLIFTING

Apr 4-7: EC Championships, Loures Apr 20-21: British masters powertifting chartipionships, Birmingham May 9-12: Europeen men's

powerlifting championships, Forcesus May 24-25: World women's on State 2 Europeen championships, Catriewo, Poland Aune & Worw

Mancremer June 22-23: British men's powerifting chempionships, Birmingham Bept 14: World Masters, Montevideo Sept 21-22: English chempionships, Oct 27-Nov 3: World chempionships, Donnaueschigen Nov 14-17: World senior powerlitting

WIND SURFING

Dec 25-Jun & Class world Championships, Australia Apr 12-19: Hyeres Olympic week, May 22-28: SPA Olympic week, The July 25-Aug 5: Bercelone pre-Olympics Aug 8-17: IBSA receboard-Lechner European championships, Poland Aug 24-25: UKBSA, Pentewan

Sept 28-29: Round Hayling Island Sept 28-Oct 5: Tiree wave classic Oct 1-7: PBA World Cup, England

Peb 3: Start, third stage of BOC singlehanded round the world race, Sydney. Australia liter 4: BOC singlehanded round the world race, first finishers expected at Puna del Este, Uruquey Mar 29-Apr 3: British Admiral's Cup trais at Spi Ouest regatta, Le Trinité, France.

YACHTING

France Mar 30: Start, fourth stage of BOC

Mar 30: Start, fourth stage of BOC singlehanded round the world race, Punta dal Este, Uruguay Apr 29-May 5: Land/Flover Nations Cup march race championship, European round, Lake Garda, Italy Apr 30: Finish, BOC singlehanded round the world race, Newport, Rinods Island, USA.

10-21: McEwert's Spottish Series, The Chyde
May 29-June 8: Two Ton Cup world championship, Kiel, Germany women's championship, Lymington under 5: 9-an European regatte, 21: British pre-Dlympic regatta, Hayling Island

regatta, Hayling Island June 26-30: Beneteau Cup regatta, June 29-Jyly 9: One Ton Cup world championship, Nieupoort, Belgium July 13-17; Dart world championship, Abersoch

July 20-26: J24 Europe championship, Cowes July 25-Aug 7: Pre-Diympic regatta, Buty 229-Aug 4: Admirel's Cup regatta, Cowes

July 25-Aug 4: Admirat & Cup regatta, Cowes Aug 4-12: Cowes Week Aug 10-14: Fastnet race, Cowes Aug 15-17: Formuta One class world championship, the Clyde Sept 1: Oyster smack race, River Theres Sant 7-14: International 14 World

match race championship finals. Barcelona, Spain, Sept 15-21; Sp.-metre world Championship, Torquay Oct 2-8: British match-race championship, Queen Mary reservoir, Longon

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Tyson goes to law to stop Foreman meeting Holyfield

NEW YORK (Agencies) — Mike opponent. The lawsuit destryson filed a \$50 million suit cribed Foreman, who is staging here on Thursday to stop a comeback after a long break Evander Holyfield, the world from boxing, as "over 40 years heavyweight champion, from old, overweight and widely remeeting the challenger, George ognised to be out of boxing Foreman, on April 19 in Atlantic City.

The suit asks for \$10 million

the International Boxing Fed-eration (IBF) in the US District The rival World Box

when they denied him a rematch with James Douglas after Doug-las unseated him as champion last February in Tokyo. Tyson said that the two boxing organisations decided he would be the challenger if Holyfield won the October championship bout with Douglas, which Holyfield did

But the decision that Tyson would then box Holyfield was rescinded, Tyson alkeged, when WBA attorney James Binns improperly persuaded the WBA executive committee to let Foreman be the challenger. Binns is a consultant to Holyfield's promoter. The Pursuade the world Boxing Council has named Mexican Julio Cesar Den Pursuade Ton Purs

Gibbins's blunder

SOUTH-EAST started the de-fence of their under-18 title with short corner for Midlands. But a a 1-0 win over East on the first day of the divisional tour-nament at Coventry School yesterday, A goal in the 18th minute by Walker from a short corner proved decisive after East had failed to capitalise on a

East had failed to capitalise on a couple of early chances despite the efforts of Davis.

Earlier, South-West, with Wangh of Wellington College and Southgate in defence, lost 2-1 to West for whom Cook, scored early in the second half. Gibson levelled the score, but the minutes from time Pulling ten minutes from time Pullin converted a short corner for West. For their next match South-West changed their goal-keeper, bringing in Lewis, of Havant, for Prestwich and won

The rain had intensified by the time North-East faced Midlands for a match which coded in a 1-1 draw. Gibbins, a

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Tyson, the former champion, each from the WBA, the IBF, filed the suit against the World the presidents of those organ-Boxing Association (WBA) and isations, Gilberto Mendoza and isations, Gilberto Mendoza and The rival World Boxing Council has ruled that Holyfield Tyson alleges that the WBA should meet Tyson in his next and IBF violated their own rules championship bout.

> · Francesco Damiani, the unbeaten Italian heavyweight, has flown to the United States to defend his World Boxing Org-anisation title against Ray Mercer, of America in Atlantic City

on Januray 11.

Damiani, who has a professional record of 26 wins in 26 bouts, said before leaving Mi-lan: "I am aware that American

December. The World Boxing Tyson claims that Holyfield Association has named Kaosay wanted to meet Foreman first Galaxy as its boxer of the month because he is a less formidable for December.

HOCKEY

costs Midlands

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

well taken goal by Conway, from a centre by Latif, put North-East back in the game. Late in the match Midlands were awarded a penalty stroke, but Gibbins missed the target.

In the under-16 competition South-East, the title holders, started well with a 3-1 win over East with goals by Tucker Prebble, and Waters.

North-East and Midlands drew 1-1, Midlands having dominated the first half to cross over with a 1-0 lead obtained by Michael Harper from a short corner. Haines equalised from a brilliant flick, also from a short

Life, limb and machine again tackle the deserts of Africa in the thirteenth Paris to Dakar rally

A true test of attrition and courage

Hope and Crosby, combining as they did a sense of fun and adventure. But the journey from the boulevards of Paris to the Atlantic shores of the Senegalese capital is more than that; fraught with pitfalls,

physical and moral, it nevertheless attracts large numbers of willing migrants prepared to match body and machine against some of the most inhospitable terrain on earth. The 1991 Paris-Tripoli-Dakar Rally, which starts today, is the thirteenth such venture

through what was once French colonial Africa. What started as a winter diversion for wealthy but bored Parisians in the late 1970s has burgeoned into a multi-million pound event. It remains essentially a French passion and, at a time of economic recession and environmental sensitivity, an

More than 400 cars, trucks and motorcycles will leave the Chateau de Vincennes this morning relishing the chall-enge of what is described as the world's harshest rally. It has a history of derring-do, camaraderie, glory and death; a minority will reach the finish on the west coast of Africa 20 days from now but, as with all classic sporting challenges, it is as much a question of taking

While it is inevitable that the Citroen, Mitsubishi and Lada teams, supported by a veritable army of service crew, will dominate, the organisers have been trying to recapture the original spirit by giving the amateur entrants as much of a chance to compete on equal terms as possible.

That is one reason behind the shortest route yet proposed - 9,000 kilometres of stages, five countries and 16 days in Africa. But more importantly, there is greater scope for the notorious unpredictability of driving across the desert with four marathon two-day stages and increased

reliance of navigation skills.

The tales of lost time and lost drivers (remember Mark in 1982 and rescued at a cost ionship following four of £300,000) are legend on Le successive victories, Citroen Dakar, as are some of the must make a winning debut. encounters with the Tuaregs The threat from Mitsubishi is

THE Road to Dakar would and nomads. Ari Vatanen, the have been a worthy addition Finnish driver, lost his chance to the series of films by Messrs of victory in 1988 when his Peugeot was stolen, and many entrants have fallen victim to muggers and thieves.

But against that, the organisers have faced a powerful lobby to control an event that has cost the lives of 26 competitors, spectators and journalists in 12 years. Increased medical support, stages taken away from the mud huts and villages, speed limits imposed under penalty disqualification and a restriction on power are all

designed to improve the image of an event which three years ago became known as the rally of death. The winner on that occasion, Juha Kankunnen, vowed never to return after six people died. A rally which left only dust

and death in its exhaust fumes was not what Thierry Sabine had in mind when he created the event. While it cost him his life in 1985, when the helicopter in which he was following the rally crashed in the dunes, his fondness for Africa and desire to bring aid and contact with the outside world has been maintained. Despite the adverse pub-

licity and severe warnings from international motor sport's governing bodies, Sa-bine's father, Gilbert, has preached the gospel of the Dakar, although it has either been ignored on environmental grounds or gone un-heeded in countries such as Britain, despite the lure of a future start in London.

However, the spirit of adventure remains. For the 100 or so motorcyclists the challenge is the same as that for the likes of Vatanen, who will be going for a third successive victory, and the others in a field of 735. The intense heat, the featureless erg (vast rolling tracts of dunes), the mosquitoes . . . all the Dakeurs are in the same boat. The desert is there to be

Vatanen has an added burden. Carrying the pride of France after Peugeot's withdrawal to concentrate on the Thatcher missing for six days world sports car champ-



Men with a mission: The Citroen team's hopes rest with (from left) Ickx, Vatanen, Waldegaard and Ambrosins



much commercial competitive - the African car murket is at make.

And Citroen suffered a reverse in the Rally of the Pharaols in November when Lada took the honours. The Citroen ZXs were affected by differential problems in Egypt and two of their drivers, Jacky Ickx and Alain Ambrosino, have covered 2,000 miles of testing in Niger as a result.

Ickx, a former winner, is one of four former Formula One drivers in the 1991 rally and with Vatanen, Biorn Waldegaard and Ambrosino, forms the most formidable team, Kenneth Eriksson, the former world rally champion, leads the Mitsubishi opposition in his first appearance in the event while Hubert Auriol hopes to maintai

Seneral and the finish. French superstition dictates that the custom of giving an edition number to each event cannot be followed in 1991. Last year was the twelfth edition, 1992 will be the fourteenth ... today start simply of the 1991 Paris-Tripoli-Dakar Rally, If ever the adage of fortune favouring

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Berghove Lungue

Soton v Tottenham (all ticks Second division

Blackburn v Oxford Utd Brighton v Leicester..... Bristol C v Middlesbrough ... Bristol C v Middlesbrough
Hull v Barnsley

Joswich v Chariton

Milwell v Oldham

Newcastle v Notts Co

Plymouth v Bristol R

Sheffield Wed v Porsmouth

Watford v Swindon

West Brom v Wolves (all ticket)

West Harn v Port Vale

Third division Reading v Mansfield Rotherham v Tranmers

Fourth division Aldershot v Peterborough Blackpool v Lincoin... Chesterfield v Stockport. Doncaster v Hereford..... Gillingham v Northampton... Rochdale v Maidstone...... Scarborough v Darlington ... Scunthorpa v Carliale......

Wrexham v York POSTPONED: Hartlecool v Walsall. GM Vauxhall Conference Altrincham v Stafford . Bath v Kidderminster . Northwich v Gateshead

Runcorn v Barrow... Slough v Merthyr ... Welling v Barnet.... Yeovil v Wycombe. Tennents Scottish Cup

Second round Berwick v Abion
Fraserburgh v Cove Rangers
Inverness Thistle v E Fife
Montrose v Arbroath Queen's Pk v Stranraer.

B and Q Scottish League Celtic v Hearts...

Dundee Utd v Rangers..... Hibernian v St Johnstone.. Motherwell v Dunfermline First division Airdrie v Partick. Clyde v Kilmamock. Fortar v Hamilton....

Meadowbank v Dundee ... Raith v Falkirk Second division Alica v Stenhousemuk (2.0)...

sivision worth: Barton v Bigwant; Berchamesed v Kingsbury; Billericsy v Ware: Capton v Goller Rose; Finchley v Ware: Capton v Goller Rose; Finchley v Waters Hooting; Herdord v Herst I moresed; Honchurch v Wethers; Purfacet v Befacon Walden; Royston v Basildors; Tibury v Reinhatts; Tring v Bevenage Borough. Becond division south: Barton of Wether Cover Newbury; Eastbourne v Abingdon: Epoom and Ewell v Harshot; Hangeford v Russilo Menor; Maldenhead v Cambeter; Madden Vale v Southalt; Packwell Heath v Horshars; Petersfield; Packwell Heath v Horshars; Petersfield v Leetherhaad.

Horsham; Petersteid v Leetherhead.

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Bangor City v Horwich; Behop Audidand v
Mossley; Chorley v Frickley; Fleetwood v
Boush Liverpoot; Gamborough v Baxton;
hyde v Goole; Leek v Droytsden; Maticok;
v Witton; Southport v Morecambe;
stellyhridge v Shepshed, Ffrat division;
Accrington Samely v Attractor; Bridlington
Town v Fersley Celtic; Curzon Ashton v
Caernarion; Eastwood Town v Harrogate;
Emley v Wortsop; Irism v Newtown;
Lancaster v Resterding Wortington v
Whitiey Bay.

EAZER HOWEL LAMINE Parison
Visition: Bashley v Dover; Burion v Weymouth: Chelmstond v Bromssyrove;
Crawley v Ferriborough; Dardord v VS
Rugby; Dorchester v Gloucester;
Helesowen v Cembridge City; Moor Green
v Poole: Waterlooville v Atterstone;
Worcester v Wilstamone, Illudian dvision; Alvectruch v Wilstamone, Illudian dv Poole

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Overschaft Papers Committee Portsmouth v Joseph (C) Totterham v Armens (C); Windschon v Overschaft Palson, Bathyders Comrades v Glenevorr, Carnek v Banger, Cruseders v Coleraine; Linfeld v Newy; Omegin Town v Glentoran; Portschwn v Dishlery, Postpored: Bathymens v Cimmeritie.

Bathymens v Cimmeritie. POTAGOMI V ESDARY, PORGONIA.

BASSI NORTH WEST COUNTIES First children. Asmon Ind v Knowstey.

Citheroe v Meste Road; Colwyn Bey v Steineroedie; Eastwood Harley v Atheron I.P.; Fistion v Presco; Leyland DAF v Nantwich; Pennin v Darwen; St Helens v Vaschalt Gaf, Selford v Bacup Borough.

MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon v Plymouth Argyle;

Danish v Charc. Ermouth v Frome;

Tauston v Bristol Manor Farm; Tiverton v Mangotabeld.

Mangoteheld,
ABACUS WEISH LEAGUE: National divisions Abergavenny v Aberystwyth; Afan
Lido v Havenfordwest; Amananford v Port
Talbot; Brecon v Bridgend; Cwmbran v
Meestag; Inter Carofff v Briton Ferry;
Pembroke v Ferndale; Ton Pentre v
Limetil.

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MONTHEUM LEAGUE: Prest divisione Almeric V Billyth Spartans; Ballingham Synthonia v Whitby; Consett v Ferryniti. Adhece: Grada v Duman Cay, Normaliarton v Guisborough: Peteries Newtown v Seaham Red Star; Shiddon v Murton; South Benk v Brandon; Stockton v Newcastle Blue Star; Tow Law v Whitcham.

Whickham.

LOSON OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Latymer Old Boys: Cardinal Mannang Old Boys: Enfield Old Grammarians v Old Aboysans. Old Meedomans v Glyn Old Boys: Old Sustomans v Chartsey Gd Satisfarans v Chartsey Gd Satisfarans v Chartsey Gd Satisfarans v Old London V Chartsey Gd Satisfarans v Old London V Chartsey Gd Satisfaran; Old Denne v Old London V Meetare v Matthy MW; Belger v Densby Uni, Ossett Abbin v North Family; Surton Town v Harrogate Reliwsy; Thackley v Guiseley; Winterton Rangers v Portesfract Col. League Cap: Second round: Ossett Town v Immangham; Shaffield v Roventrae Macketteeth (1.45), Spennymoor v Brogg (3.15); York Am v North Sheet, Southern Allattum LEAGUE: Old Parkonians v Mediand Bank; Winchmore HB v Norsemen; Southgate v Broomfield, Old Latymariane v Bank of England.

RUGBY UNION District Champion Anglo-Scots v Glasgow (at Rich-mond, 2.0) South v Edinburgh (at Melrose, 2.0) Schweppes Welsh Cup Fourth round

Ebbw Vale v Seven Sisters (2.30) ... Club matches Abertillery v Bedford Bath v Swansea Bath v Swansea..... Boroughmuir v N Gosforth (2.0)..... Bristol v Richmond......

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Cardiff v Harlequins (2.30)...
Exeter v Benistaple (2.30)...
Glamorgan W v Sth Wates Pol...
Gloucester v Bridgerd.
Headingley v Halfax (2.30)...
Jed-Forest v Edinburgh W (2.0)...
Liverpool St H v Orreil (2.45)...
Lanelit v Mossalev. Maestag v Plymouth
Morley v Huddersfield (2.30)
Newbridge v Wasps
Newport v Neath

W of Scotland v Stirling Co (2.0)

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Trintiy Academicals v Curne.

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Okehampton; Bridgwaser and Albon v
Trumin; Brisch Harfoques v Dwgs
Cusaders: Bentol Telephones v SW Gas;
Cumborne v Trufor Chaid v Crewkerne;
Chew Vellev v Cid Achten.net: Chedden v St
Austell; Doyon and Cormwall Polos v
Pagmon: Burser v Barnespile Bomouth v
Torticaly Aft; Frampton Cotterel v Aren;
Gordeno v From, Hombus 'Thombus';
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Newport HS Oid Boys; Keggwood v
Arestans; Launceston v Rectruit;
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Sodbury; St Hees v Falmous, Salash v
Plymouth Argaum, Striter and Pri v Bath
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Weston-super-Mare v Hereford.
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AMERICAN SPORT: BSB 15:00-17:00.
ATHLETICS: ITV 13:40-14:40: 1990

SASKETBALL: Screensport 09:00-11:30 and 18:00-22:30: Hazirkan week from The

BOXING: Eurosport 20.45-21,45. Screensport 22.30-mongh: Professional

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-17.10: Cricket Second Test match: Australia v England: Rusply League Regal Trophy; Affector County Durham enternational cricks County, Recong. 1.00, 1.30, 2.00 from Necond

Park; Meccicalield v Otahum; Mansfield v Chesterheid; Metronot v Leek, Modilesbrough v West Heritapool; Newark v Selby; Northeider v Pockington; Northeide v Edward v Burnage. Old Crossleyans v Sounthorpe; Old Hymeriens v Manst; Old Instanlans v

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REGAL TROPHY: Semi-final; Warrings v Widnes (at Wigen, 2.15). STONES BYTTEN CHAMMONEHE First Ovision: Hull KR v Shetfield (4.0). HOCKEY
WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNAMENT: Sentor and U-21 (Liverpool
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North Warwick v Bedfordshire Eagles;
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Wintchurch; GEC Rugby v Leloaster;
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Burton; Horton House v Mitton Keynes;
Kings Health v GEC Covenity;
Landsdowns v Redditch; Loughborough
Town v Stanton; Ludow v Nevent; Melton
Behoirs v Gymfit; Michelin v Burisston;
Newark v Roses; Nottingham v Beseton;
Notts Gregory v Burton; North Stafford v
Bitom; Nurseand Bankers v Chamilto;
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Bridgnorit; Stoupport v Cid Heledonians;
Tamworth v Streetly; Walself v Atherstone
Adden: West Bromston v Bristone; Ware

RUGBY LEAGUE

SPORT ON TV

12.00: Superblues. MOTOR SPORT: 858 15.30-16.00 and 17.00-16.00, 8602 16.25-17.25: Grands prix registions.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL:
Screensport 16:00-17:00.
RACING: C4 13:05-15:00: 1,10, 1,30, 2,10
and 2.40 from Newcastle, BSS 13:3514:00 and 23:30-motionic Racino news.
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CRICKET: Sky One 23 00 (Friday)-07 30 and 25 00-07 30 (tomorrow) and BBC2 15.55-16 25. Second Test match: Austra-19:30, 22:00 and midnight.
TENDES: Eurosport 21.45-00.45 (and
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DANTE: BSB 10.00-12.00, 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-01 45 (comorrow): British Coper. EUROSPORT GATURDAY: Eurosport 11 CG-18.00 Motor sport: Paris to Dakar rath; Athlencs: European championship heptigatis; Pootbalt, Tennis: Hopman Cup from Perti, Australia: Sking: World Cup and treostate event. World championships.
YACHTING: Eurosport 18.00-19.15: BOC round the world single-handed race. Tamorrow and freesty's event.
FOOTSALL: BSB 22.30-23.30: Scottish

AMERICAN POOTBALL OF 20.00-20.00
ATHLETICE: Eurosport 22.15-23.15 (see Eurosport Sunday): Cross country.
BASKETBALL: Screensport 12.30-17.00: Hazrten week from The Nietherlands.
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CRICKET: Sty One 23.00 (Saturday)-07-30 and 23.00-midnight: Second Test match: Australia v England. BSS 20.30-22.30 and 00.30-02.20 (Monday): lifterwew with David Gower.
DARTS: BSB 11.00-13.00: British Open.
EUROSPORT SANDAY: Eurosport 11.00from Newbury. IZE SKATING: Screensport 07:00-08:30 srd 13:00-14 00 Challenge of Chempions 3-d Word Cup hours skeing.
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BARKETBALL With Character (Cryss) Police).
CARL SERIC NATIONAL LEAGUE More Pest division Kingston v Marchester (7-30); Worthing v London Docklands (8.0). Second division: Watterd v Institute (8.0). The division Norm London v Pytos (8.0); Swindon v Birmingham (7.0). LACROSSE

Symbol Houtherne LEAGUE: Fruit Or Vision: Old Hulmelans v Cheedie: Sale v Spoopert Brumald Busses v Heaton vision: Old Hulmelans v Chandle: Sale v Sociotic Bremish Saussa — Heater Mersey: Timperley v Old Stoptordisma Second division: Cheadle A v Moorthops: Mellor A v Boardman and Moorthops: Mellor A v Boardman and Roccional v University: Wilmstow

OTHER SPORT DARTS: British Open (Keneington).

TOMORROW POOTBALL, Barclays League

C Palace v Liverpool (all ticket, 3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE ETONES SITTER CHARMONSHIP Pro-mier division: Watefield v Fastherstone (3.30). Second division: Carliste v Whitehaven (2.0); Ryadale York v Barrow (1.0); Bramley v Hunslet (2.15). HOCKEY

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOUR-NAMENT: Senior and U-21 (Liverpool BASKETBALL WICS CHAMPONSHIPS (Crystal Panco). CARLSBERG NATIONAL LIAGUE HING Second division: Broadourne y Oldhan

18.00: toe shaping: Torvill and Deen gala: Sid jumping: From Austria; Skiling: World Cup and freestyle event; Terris; Hopman Cup from Perth, Australia; Athletics: Cross country from Durham.
FOOTBALL: 858 10.00-11.00, 13.15-15.30 and 23.00-40 display from the World Cup, and Crystal Palace v Liverpool. Europeatr 19.00-21.00: World Cup inghights.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 01.00-03.00 and 15.30-21.30: AHL.
ICE STATING: Screensport 22.00-07.00: Charge of Champions.
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Car review, world raily championships and German relly championships.
Except 22.00-22.15: Paris to Datas rdby. RUGBY LEAGUE: 858 18.30-20.15: Regal

Following the preliminaries in to Marseilles and a crossing of the Mediterranean, the rally proper opens in Tripoli on Wednesday. From the Libyan capital, the route winds south through the Tenere desert and Niger, with the only rest day at Agadez. Westwards across the Sahel desert towards Mail and Timbucktu, to the highlight, in Mauritania, with the stage from News to Tichitt and into haps it is now.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes set to face an explosive test

By KEITH MACKLIN

WHEN Warrington and Widnes meet at an any level, it is only necessary to light the blue touch paper and retire. The tough Boxing Day derby, won 6-2 by Widnes, emphasised again that the league placings count for little when these sides confront each other, and today's second semi-final of the Regal Trophy may make nonsense of the fact that Warrington are in the bottom reaches of the first division table while Widnes lie

in second place.
Warrington had better news of injuries yesterday. Their two centres, Bateman and Thorniley, could be fit, which would entail the New Zealand international, Mercer, again to move into the second row of the

pack.
However, Warrington are
short-handed in the forwards,
with the powerful Australian,
Jackson, who has damaged knee
ligaments, joining the captain,
Mike Gregory, on the long-term
injured list.
Widnes also have their injury
problems, with Davies ruled out
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for some time following the thigh injury he received in a training accident, and the centre, Wright, also unfit. On the credit side, the hooker, the hooker, and the credit are the credit side, the hooker, the hooker hooker, the hooker hooker, the hooker hooker, the hooker hooker hooker, the hooker h McKenzie, a key player in all the Widnes attacking ploys, is ex-pected to play despite the cut head he received at Warrington.

On recent form Widnes should win comfortably, but their free-scoring romps against Leeds, Batley and Hull Kingsto Rovers were brought to a halt by the fierce Warrington tackling on Boxing Day, and Widnes can expect exactly the same type of treatment at Central Park, treatment at Central Park, Wigan, this afternoon. It would be foolish to forecast any other outcome than a Widnes victory. but Warrington will fight all the way, hopefully not too literally for the liking of the referee, John

Tomorrow's league pro-gramme consists of only a handful of games as teams in both divisions prepare for another round of money-spinning derby fixtures on New Year's Day.

Holdsworth.

In the second division, two. promotion contenders are in home action. Ryedale York have Barrow as visitors, and while this would have seemed a simple option for them a week ago, Barrow surprised everyone by beating Cartisle 34-4 in the holiday Cumbrian derby, and may have turned the corner. Cartisla, smarting from that unexpected reverse, will up to take it out on Workington Teams. take it out on Workington Town in yet another derby fixture, but will find Town in determined mood under the skilful leadership of the player-coach. Ray

The Queen's gift will assist Salmon Trust

By CONRAD VOSS BARK

A WEEK'S salmon fishing on the Dee at Balmoral is on offer in the annual postal auction run

For trout fishermen there are by the Atlantic Salmon Trust. In 11 beats on offer on the Test, the trust's catalogue it is listed as five on the Hampshire Avon, being worth £460 for two rods. with ghillie, but bidding may soar to twice that figure.

The Queen's gift heads a list

As a counterbalance to the

Nith, North Esk and North also fishing on Orkney, Islay. Type; on Cairnton, Aboyne, Watten and Altnaharra. Prices Mar beats of the Aberdeenshire £300 to £1,000. Dee; on Montblarie and several

ing some of the best salmon from Loganar, St Andrews Drive, Glasgow Auroest, PA3 at off-beat times. The owners 2TG.

The Queen's gift heads a list of dozens of donations from owners of salmon and trout fishing to the trust for its conservation funds.

As a counterbalance to underthing lists for good salmon and trout fishing, which seem to get longer every year, the Scottish airline. Loganair, is coreanising fishing holidays from the conservation funds. conservation funds.

If you bid enough, fishing is available on the Tulchao, Knockando and Castle Grant These include fishing on the months of the control o waters on the Spey; on the Grimersta on Lewis and the Findhorm, Halladale, Annan, Thurso in Caithness. There is Type; on Cairnton, Aboyne, Crathes, Altries, Monaltrie and are all-in, ranging from just over

Dee; on Montblarie and several other beats of the Deveron; on Bemersyde. Carham and Makerstoun on Tweed; and some 30 or 40 beats of the Wye.

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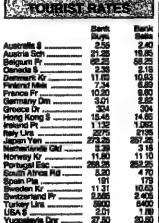
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Nikkei ends Tokyo's year of the slide with a whimper

From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO DEFYING the King Canute-like predictions of Nomura and other Japanese stockbrokers that the tide would turn, Tokyo stocks fell further to end the year nearly 40 per cheaper than when brokers

closed their books for 1989. Yesterday's 91.99 point drop dragged the Nikkei share index down to 23,848.71. It was the last trading day before Japan's week-long new year holiday. Dealers, who usually try to end the year with a bang. gave up and sold once it became clear that the market would not finish above 24,000. The fall swelled the Nikkei's 1990 losses to 15,067.16 points, or 38.7 per cent.

A year ago, conservative Tokyo analysts

modest jump after the index's 29 per cent rise in 1989, a year in which investors had to weather the shock of losing two Japanese prime ministers, a bribery scandal, an electoral defeat for the ruling Liberal Democrats and slowly rising interest rates.

How much worse could 1990 be? A lot worse, apparently, with the blame falling largely on even higher interest rates. slower growth in corporate profits, stiffer oil prices, and womes about events in the Gulf. Turmoil in Moscow did not help.

Optimists say Tokyo stock prices will be lucky if they can gain 5,000 points in 1991. Pessimists, however, feel that a 5,000-point

Having suddenly discovered the law of gravity, Tokyo investors are baffled by how it works and where it may lead them. The rules are changing fast and, like new babies, the Japanese learn something confusingly new every day. Not only stock prices, but land prices too can will. Japanese banks, traditionally regarded as sturdy as sumo wrestlers, are looking shakier on their legs than anyone would have imagined a year ago. They were protected by the fat from their booming stock portfolios. That fat has melted. Pretax profits at Japan's top stockbrokers

pilot. But, at yesterday's finish of 136.05 yen to the dollar, it has not strengthened enough to persuade Yasushi Mieno, the Bank of Japan's hawkish governor, that it is safe to lower interest rates yet.

Japan's monetary policy is likely to stay tight at least until the spring, when a slowing economy may spur a fall in borrowing costs. But the slowing economy and high interest rates will hurt corporate profits, putting a hid on stock market rallies. Many smaller investors, shocked by the Nikkei's had manners, have deserted the stock market altogether. As a result those who still wish to unload their

predicted that the Nikkei would zoom past fall in the coming year would be escaping 42,000, maybe past 43,000 in 1990. It was a lightly.

half year to September. The yen has dived and climbed like an indecisive kamikaze so share prices have fallen even more so share prices have fallen even more steeply. On top of all this, war might break out in the Gulf. Tokyo seems little prepared to cope with the psychological or financial shock of such a grim outcome.

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But Nomura, Japan's biggest stockbroker, remains as optimistic as ever about a recovery in the Nikkei and, by association, in its own financial fortunes. It reckons that blue skies will return to Tokyo next year. Its economists have divined that there will not be war in the Gulf. Tatsuo Kurokawa, deputy manager of Nomura's investment research department, said last night to expect the Nikkei to hit 33,000 to 35,000 by this time next year.

Dollar falls as US data point to steep decline

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

nomic indicators plunged Soviet Union continued to 1.2 per cent last month for the fifth monthly fall in a row, confirming Wall Street fears that no early end to the steep downturn London, down from Thursis in sight

The Commerce Department data showed the index, regarded as the best official guide to future economic activity in the United States, dropping 1.3 per cent in October, its worst decline for almost three years. Market forecasts had centred on a November rise of just 0.6 per cent.

The poor American data further undermined the dollar, already suffering from a bout of weakness in an extremely thin foreign exchange market, as expectations were renewed about interest rates being lowered again to prevent

The dollar shed nearly two pfennigs against the mark on the news, falling to about DM1.5000, three pfennigs below Thursday's close. But dealers said the movement was exaggerated by the lack of June, many economists market players in the Christexpected the new levels to be economy was already moving kets resume full operations in index was set at 139.7, or 4.4 Uncertainty about develop-

provide an uneasy background for the currency markets, focusing attention on the mark-dollar rate. The dollar ended at DM1.5015 in day's DM1.5295 finish.

The pound was sidelined, languishing at the lower end of its exchange-rate mechanism parity grid. Under no real pressure, sterling moved in a narrow range. Against the declining dollar, it gained three cents to close at \$1.9222,

But against the mark, the key indicator of the scope for British interest rate movement, the pound slid nearly a plennig to DM2.8781. The trade-weighted index closed 0.2 points higher at 93.2.

Of the 11 forward-looking components of the American leading index, which are supposed to predict activity six to nine months ahead, eight displayed falls last month, compounding concern about the severity of the recession.

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AMERICA'S leading eco- ments in the Gulf and the tories for consumer goods, lower raw material prices, a shrinking backlog of unfilled factory orders, falling business investment and a rise in new benefits were some of the main factors depressing the

> On the positive side were an increase in stock prices and a modest improvement in consumer confidence, as worries about the impact of higher oil

The Chicagoland business barometer, meanwhile, showed continued retreat, indicating a fall to an unadjusted 41 per cent this month from 45.1 per cent in November to its lowest in eight years. A show-ing of less than 50 per cent on this gauge, compiled by the Purchasing Management Association of Chicago, indicates a slowing economy.

The financial markets, in a holiday mood, largely ignored the figures. Dealers appeared to be mainly concerned with squaring off positions.

• Labour department data showed a rise as recently as showed new applications for unemployment benefits in America falling to a seasonmas boliday week, and only wrong signal, and that the ally-adjusted 441,000 in the week ended December 15, or seriously tested when the mar- into recession. The November 14,000 less than the previous week. The four-week moving

Cupid to marry Pronuptia

By PHILIP PANGALOS

CUPID, the USM-quoted bridalwear and nursery products group, is to acquire Pronuptia, a bridal retail chain, for up to £3 million.

sank by between 55 and 74 per cent in the

Despite announcing lower first-half profits following expansion costs, Mike Murray, Cupid's managing director, said that retailing is "a natural extension" of the group's business. He added that the enlarged group's anthat the enlarged group's annual turnover will nearly treble to about £18 million.

Mr Murray said the average wedding costs more than £4,000, including the honeymoon, with between £600 and £1,000 spent on bridalwear. There are more than 400,000 weddings in Britain each year. Despite tougher economic conditions, Mr Murray said business was stable, helped by the fact most weddings are planned well in advance. He added: "There seems to be a

swing back to marriages."
Cupid, which supplies more than 1,000 specialist shops across Europe, will pay Pronuptia-Youngs, a subsid-iary of Stenhouse Western, an initial £2 million for the Pronuptia business. There will also be a £500,000 initial licence see for the trade name, and a further £500,000 depending on future profits.

Cupid will fund the purchase through a placing and offer of 3.1 million shares at 81p per share on a one-for-one basis. The placing will also provide Cupid with £750,000 of additional working capital.

Société Générale Merchant Bank is underwriting the offer,



Marriage of convenience: Mike Murray of Cupid

premium over the offer price, £2.93 million to £3.46 million. giving it a 12 per cent stake. Earnings per share slid from Cupid's first half pre-tax 5.78p to 1.7p. As usual, there profits fell from £203,000 to is no interim dividend.

and Stenhouse is subscribing. £81,000 in the six months to for one million Cupid shares the end of September. Turnat 100p per share, a 23 per cent over grew 18 per cent from

Daiwa's interim profits fall 71%

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

PROFITS of Daiwa Securities, Japan's second biggest securities group, have tumbled in response to the prolonged fall in stock market prices in Tokyo and the loss of speculative business.

In the six months to end-September, pre-tax profits fell 71 per cent to \$3.3 billion yen (£207 million), compared with Y193 billion at the same time

As the stock market crash started to bite, commission income fell by a third to Y154 billion and net gains of Y48.8 billion on securities trading were replaced by losses of Y4

Total revenue declined 27 per cent to Y245 billion, despite a 70 per cent increase in dividend and interest income.

The interim figures are not consolidated; but Daiwa said they would not differ materially if they were.

Daiwa's figures encompass a recovery on the stock market between April and July followed by a further fall of a third in the Nikkei index between Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August and the year's low at the end of

The unconsolidated balance sheet at September 30 shows cash and time deposits up 11 per cent to Y1,104 billion egainst marginally lower short-term borrowings of

Y826 billion. Forecasts of the profits of Japanese securities houses have been downgraded drastically as the stock market went from bad to worse during the year.

This has raised questions over the rapid expansion abroad, including in London, of the leading Japanese houses because of previously booming domestic profits. But so far they have been able to take the

Swiss firm has ambitious plans for Harwell centre By Colin Narbrough

(SGS) to the government re-search establishment at Harwell, went wider than possible acquisition of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority's environmental safety operation.

SGS's interest in Harwell is part of a \$40 million plan to create a world environmental

The Swiss company operates international laboratories for inspecting industrial and farm goods, and made some minor UK acquisitions in this field this year.

Discussions with Harwell by the Swiss as a priority for to uncertainty about AEA, As expansion, and non-nuclear the largest government user of

APPROACHES by Société mental Safety Centre were ty services, the department Générale de Surveillance seen to fit well into SGS's would be a natural sponsor of global strategy. Other parts of large parts of the AEA. Harwell of interest would include AEA Petroleum Services, an operation offering high technology services to the

oil and gas industry.

AEA Industrial Technology. which brings together process and instrumentation skills, electro-technology is another likely candidate for Swiss attentions.

Swiss approaches concerning AEA's nuclear operations would present the government with greater difficulties, in Discussions with Harwell spite of its strong commitment officials are understood to to privatisation. Speculation have covered a range of AEA that the energy department's activities. Environmental saf-functions will be taken over by ety testing has been identified other departments, has added

activities of the Environ- Harwell's environmental safe-Industry 'on its own'

By OUR FINANCIAL EDITOR

rate mechanism has limited is usually cut during a recesthe government's ability to cut sion, as essential to recovery. interest rates and has ruled out Directors says.

age, Peter Morgan, the IoD's costs are contained, the recovdirector general, says that ery from recession will be held industry was virtually "on its back." He also appealed to the own" in the fight to recover from recession. Mr Morgan burden on business.

in fighting recession ENTRY into the exchange- pinpointed investment, which

"Investment is the key to short-term devaluation to reducing unit labour costs help exports, the Institute of which are in turn the key to international competition. In a bleak new year mess- Unless and until unit labour government to reduce the tax

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TWA seeks to oust Pan Am chairman

From Philip Robinson in New York

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TWA wants to oust Thomas meeting and Mr Icahn read a ington shuttle to Northwest TWA had thought the shuttle part of its own deal.

unless TWA puts its \$375 million bid proposal in writing. But analysts say time and cash are running out for Pan Am. The airline is still awaiting American and British approval to sell its London routes into Heathrow to United Airlines for \$400 million. Talks between regulators broke up before Christmas. A ruling had been expected by midthree carrier, says the sale would create an American flag

Retailers 'face even worse year

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

FOR most retailers 1990 was the year of the sale: the mid-season sale, the pre-Christmas sale, the biggest-ever sale and, in some cases, the closing down sale. Many stores experienced their worst trading year for a decade and some famous names disappeared.

But few in the sector are looking forward to 1991; it is likely to be even grimmer. Goldman Sachs says: "It is now apparent that the market has been overly optimistic about the prospects for the retail industry this Christmas and looking forward to 1991. As real income growth now falls away, the squeeze is broadening out and will impact all retailers." This year saw the demise of some of

Britain's most entrepreneurial retailers. In January, James Gulliver, the businessman who built up Argyll, left Lowndes Queensway, the furniture re-

tailer he bought in 1988 for £450 million. His departure coincided with the group's last refinancing but even this could not save it in the face of the spending slump. It went into receivership in August. In May, Sir Terence Conran stepped

down as chairman of Storehouse, the Habitat, Mothercare and BhS group he formed five years ago. November saw the departure of Sir

Ralph Halpern from the Burton Group, Britain's largest fashion house. Burton sold its financial services arm to try to reduce debt. But its problems had come to be associated with Sir Ralph and the controversy over his near £! million salary. He did not leave empty-handed; in addition to his £2 million lump sum he receives an annual pension of £456,000 for life.

Sophie Mirman, founder of the Sock Shop, gave up the battle in February when her company went into admini-

as in the case of Lowndes, shareholders were left empty-handed.

Mark Goldberg saw the demise of his family's 50-year-old retailing empire, A. Goldberg, which had moved out of oldfashioned department stores into high street boutiques. Unfortunately, the company picked exactly the wrong time to make the break and was unable to survive its debt mountain.

But there were some luckier escapes. Dixons avoided takeover by Kingfisher when the bid was referred to the Monopolies Commission. Laura Ashley was rescued by Aeon, the Japanese group, taking a 15 per cent stake. Next appeared close to the edge when bear raiders traded 45 million shares in one day.

Next year may herald the demise of other well-known names. Even those retailers with a secure balance sheet will not find the going easy.

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Plaskett, Pan American chair- newspaper report, not denied man and chief executive, as a by Pan Am, that it was selling condition of bidding for the its Boston-New York-Washstruggling carrier with a formal written proposal due to be Airlines for \$150 million. Pan Am has described the move as "preposterous". Associates of Carl Icahn, TWA's Pan Am says there is no deal chairman, however, say it will form part of the package that will also push Pan Am to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection before TWA puts up the \$100 million needed to see Pan Am through the weak winter season and while takeover paperwork is completed. Mr Plaskett has made clear he opposes having to file for bankruptcy as part of TWA's January, but an American bid. However, it is understood Transport Department that Mr Icahn would see! w spokesman said yesterday no promote Richard Francis, Pan date had been set. Delta Am's financial officer, to re- Airlines, America's number place Mr Plaskett. Tension has developed between Mr Plaskett and Mr duopoly between United and leahn since Pan Am failed to American Airlines across the



Vehicle figures reinforce slump in motor industry

By PHILIP BASSETT AND MARTIN BARROW

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confirmed the depths of the down. For the three months to last month. slump in the motor industry. November, they were 8 per New vehicle registrations last cent below the corresponding trade analyst at Barchays de

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GOVERNMENT figures have uses, registrations were still 1989, and were down to 3,000 and those sold on the Conti-Peter Caldwell, a motor

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One of the few less gloomy moment it was wrong to because its price is too high, overstate the importance of But Nissan said it had re-new car sales to motor dealers. examined its factory-gate lower than the 56 per cent car market is buoyant at the before.

more reliable indicator than economy's overall health, price differentials between the single month-by-month fig- stood at 4,400 in November company's cars sold in Britain

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we obtain a per cent to about the exclusive right of Nissan cars in UK to sell Nissan cars in the calculation of the calculation of the exclusive right of Nissan cars in the calculation. per cent lower than the same lower than a year before. Over the 12 months, new car lan Jane, a director of T Britain. Nissan UK claims registrations were 13 per cent lower than sumber 2 million, 12 per cent lower than said that although retailers. were under pressure at the pecially the new Primera,

"We sell used cars, we rent prices to distributors in the UK, Germany and The Netherlands and there was very little difference. The largest price determinant was the distributor.

Leading article, page 11

The Gulf great unknown that threatens a happy new year

ne of the wisest financial editors, with whom I was fortunate enough to work for five formative years, once wrote a compelling and finely crafted year-end piece describing how be had brought down from his attic a long-neglected crystal ball, dusted it and saw in it the year ahead. The crystal's secrets were too valuable not to be shared with our readers, sew of whom forgot the prediction that war loans would rise to par and thousands of widows and orphans would get their money back. Forecasting is not easy, and according to Lord Beaverbrook, journalists should only predict distant events on the grounds that nobody remembers that one was wrong and one can remind

But where would stock markets be without analysts and their predictions? True, most professional advisers prefer statistics, valuation screens and the Treasury model to crystal balls but the ubjective and mystical elements count for something - less, I have to admit, since insider dealing was made a crim-

So where is the London market heading next year? Peter Lyon, a market strategist with an enviable record, never tires of reminding his following that bull markets end in booms and bear markets end in recessions. The second clue is that the end of a bear market is preceded by a rising bond market. Britain and other leading economics, with the exception of Germany and Japan, are undeniably in recession. And since the end of September, bond markets in Britain, America and Japan have rallied, though continental European bond markets have remained subdued.

The problem - when is it not? - is timing in Britain, trends in money supply, wholesale price inflation, industrial production, unemployment and gross domestic product, together with the evidence of our eyes and ears, strongly suggest that the recession has not yet reached its trough. Moreover, unless interest rates are cut soon, recession may turn into depression. If that is so, bankruptcies will increase, corporate profits will diminish and the argument for equities based on their relative cheapness, historically and

against American, continental and Japanese stocks, would be much less convincing.

government will not risk pushing the economy over the edge. The new pairing of John Major and Norman Lamont would cut base rates, pump money back into the system and in the last resort, devalue sterling. Devaluation is highly improbable before a general election but a friendly revaluation of the mark within the exchangerate mechanism might just happen.

There is a third view: the dominant theme for the British economy has changed and industry's problems require much more than Treasury finkering with measuring rods if they are to be solved. In the Eighties the theme was economic expansion, in the Nineties it is survival. For British companies to survive they need a strong balance sheet, or a substantial business overseas, or preferably both, Financial



pressures are dangerously high. When income (cash flow) falls below the level required to meet interest, tax and dividend payments and capital investment projects, something has to give: capital spending, employment and if earnings fall, dividends.

Manufacturing companies are not the only ones feeling the heat. Financial services and the City are suffering and the high street has seen some spectacular disasters. Geoffrey Mulcahy, chairman and chief executive of Kingfisher (Woolworth), is no longer alone in regarding the Eighties as an exceptional decade that ended with too much retail capacity and too much cost built into the system. Survival, let alone success, demands more value for money and more efficiency. Retail companies will be judged by the same criteria as manufacturing and service industries outside the retail sector.

Recession and a new realism are not the only elements clouding the market.

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Frankfurt — Shares ended a

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esterday 29 per cent below its

RECENT ISSUES

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WALL STREET

Sooner or later the City will have to take a view on the probable outcome of the general election, which I believe Mr Major will call this year and not make Lord Callaghan's error of dragging our his unelected premiership until the last possible date. Most observers have taken on board the fact that Labour would raise the top rate of income tax (including higher national insurance contributions) from 40 to 60 per cent, which a surcharge on investment income could raise to 70 per cent. Labour would also devalue sterling, if the foreign exchange markets had not already forced Mr Major to do it for

None the less, many people in the City, and in industry, cling to the belief that Labour governments are not so bad in practice and for equities they may even be good. The fact is that during Labour's last two periods in office (1964-70 and 1974-79) the average rating of ordinary shares was lower than in the Conservative years. A subtler point is that stock markets are becoming more closely related with each other by the day, not only through flows of international capital but also because national economies and multinational businesses are becoming more interdependent. The performance of the stock market under the next government, Tory or Labour, will depend less than before on government policies, more on events in the world economy where the dominant powers are Germany, Japan and America.

Recession, realism and a resumption of Labour rule - three factors to occupy investors and the markets. My triple forecast is that the general election will take place next year, that Mr Major will win, and that by year-end the FT-SE index will be 250-300 points higher than now, to form, with much lower rates of interest and inflation, a solid platform for the next bull market.

There is one great unknown - war in the Middle East. Unease induced by events in the Gulf and increasing as the January deadline approaches, is chiefly responsible for the lethargy of markets. The outbreak of war, arguably, is discounted in share prices. The darker consequences of war, emphatically, are not. We must hope for a peaceful New

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ABF go-ahead to buy British Sugar



Garry Weston of ABF: shareholders back takeover

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THE shareholders of Asso- group of banks involved in ciated British Foods (ABF) refinancing Berisford ap-approved the £880 million proved the sale of British purchase of British Sugar from Berisford International, three years after the company mounted an aborted £767 million bid for the entire Berisford group.

Five companies were in the final bidding for British Sugar. ABF, Tate & Lyle, Hanson, and two European bidders. ABF, led by Garry Weston, made one offer of £880 million and had the advantage of being cleared by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission

before the deal was completed. In addition to the £880 million, Berisford will also receive about £18 million representing British Sugar's expected net profit between September 30, 1990, and January 2, 1991, when the deal

Berisford shareholders also approved the sale at a separate extraordinary general meeting yesterday. Mr Weston, who still owns a 24 per cent stake in Berisford, is believed to be considering buying another small part of Berisford's food

Sugar this month.

At the meeting, Mr Weston and his deputy, Harry Bailey, told shareholders that an expected reduction in the fixed price of sugar as a result of the current General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade round had already been factored into the

Analysts had earlier predicted British Sugar would be sold for about £1 billion. The sale largely removes debt from should be completed. The Berisford's balance sheet.

STOCK MARKET

Managers splash out on water shares to fend off recession

which IMI has launched a hostile £12.2 million bid, has been in talks with a third party fund managers have decided about a recommended offer to take the soft option as far as 'significantly in excess" of the 1991 is concerned and have started targeting sectors with defensive qualities.

95p on the table. Tony Cross, the BM chair-man, said the talks had to be The water companies have abundaned at the last moment been attracting support for the when a number of institupast week because of their tional shareholders sold large ability to resist the recession blocks of shares in the market and on yield considerations. They made further headway vesterday with dealers report-BM is worth more to a trade ng selective support.

buyer than IMI has so far One leading broker said: offered. The talks are thought The institutions are playing to have been with a German it safe. No one is going to company and to have re-volved round a price in the moan if the market suddenly takes off in January and they range of 105p to 110p. BM's are holding utility companies. shares closed unchanged at If, as expected, we start to pull out of the recession in the banks and properties that take raiding 29.99 per cent in the

There were gains for Anglian, 1p to 274p, Northumbrian, 3p to 280p, North West, BM also forecast pre-tax profits of £1.7 million for the year to March 31 (£200,000). 2p to 271p, Severn Trent, 3p This would give earnings per share of 9.2p (2.5p). The company intends to pay a total dividend of 6.5p (5.5p). to 267p, Southern, 5p to 250p. Thames, 2p to 275p, Welsh, 2p to 277, Wessex, 4p to 264p, and Yorkshire, 1p to 270p. The water package rose £30 to

Egerton defers interim payouts

Shares in Egerton Trust, the property and construction group, lost more than a third of their value as the company announced that it would be deferring the interim dividends on its two classes of pany blamed the decision, which prompted the ordi-naries to fall from 17p to 11p, on "market conditions".

Fairhaven sale Fairhaven International

selling the oil tanker Knock Brennan to the twin tanker both controlled by Fred Olsen, of Norway, for \$11.25 million. subject to shareholders' ap-

Promise kept

All but "a couple of hundred" of the 8.5 million electricity share certificates were posted, as promised, before Christmas day, according to the registrars to the floration.

SNC confirmed Smith New Court has been HunterPrint specialist printing group which was rescued by a City-backed consortium

Golden Vale deal Golden Vale, the Irish dairy products group, is buying E Ladbrooke & Son (which trades as Bridgend Creamery) and Collins Dairies, a related company, for £3.53 million.



Eastern finished 1p lighter at 137p with 4.8 million shares changing hands. There were

lion), Southern, 1½p to 140½p (5.4 million), South West, 1p to 149p (2 million), and Yorkshire, 4p to 1584p (4.2

as slipped 4p to 372p before next week's review of drugs animitted for approval by the American authorities. There are fears that Tilade, Fisous' anti-asthma drag, will not be approved at once. Ian Moore, of UBS Phillips & Drew, says a short delay would make little difference, but he is worried about the scientific equipment business if the recession continues.

to 145p (5.6 million). 4p to 138p (5.3 million), Manweb, 4p to 168p (3 million), Midlands, 3p to 138p (4.2 million), Northern, 1p to 147p (2.4 million), Norweb, 2p to 146p (4 mil-

Seeboard held steady at 141p (1.8 million) while persistent talk of further stakebuilding lifted South Wales %p to 170%p (3.5 million) after touching 174p.

Fears push
Abbots Lab
Abbots Lab year for a number of securities houses and an early, 20-point fall on Wall Street left the rest of the equity market to end the week on a flat note.

Year-end book-squaring lifted turnover to 249.3 million shares, but genuine investment demand remained low. The FT-SE 100 index ended 7.4 lower at 2,160.4, while the FT index of 30 thares lost 2.6 at 1,685.2. Government securities closed with losses of £1/4 in quiet

Carlton he television and film services group, rose 5p to 396p as hopes of a recovery continued to grow. Carlton has featured strongly among the recom-mendations for the new year. The price fell from 850p to a low of 298p this year as analysts became increasingly

But Henderson Crosth waite. House Govert and R7W are now telling their clients that the decline has been exaggerated. Carlton has the distribution rights for the new which sold out in American

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Extra staff cope with demand as banks and building

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

special savings accounts next million in 1991-2. week when Tessas officially no more than the net interest transfers or a substantial strictly by post only. for five years. They allow reduction in the interest rate adults to invest up to £3,000 in for early withdrawals so it is "There is a vast amount of year one and a total of £9,000 important to find out if there new money coming in. A lot of over five years.

John Major, the then chan- more modest. cellor, to encourage saving. But while they appear to be accounts have no penalty and with the demand." Some savproving popular with existing savers, who want to earn 33 per cent more interest, savings institutions do not believe for five years. that much of the money is

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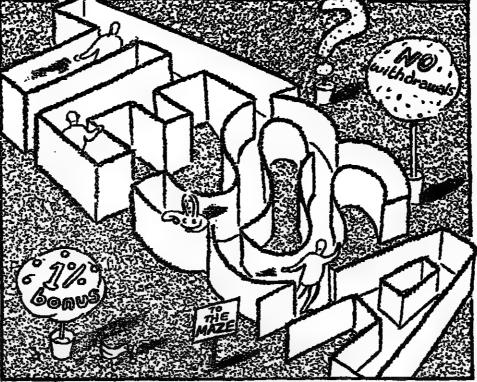
in most cases the core interest rates are offered on Cheltenham Gold Accounts. They are aware, though, monthly and lump sum action action that a great deal of money in counts, unless otherwise maximum allowed from the

at risk and are competing strongly to offer the best terms to make sure that money does not flow out to other banks and building societies. And Share accounts for investors five years. It pays 13.67 per the property of the unless they want savers to wanting to use the account for cent tax-free when linked to transfer their Tessas in great their tax free Tessa. The the Cheltenham Gold account numbers later, they will have society received more than and 15.33 per cent when feeder account a 2 per cent to keep their interest rates double the previous daily linked to the London Share bonus for the first year, giving competitive. The Inland Rev- record of mail for the postal account. The society's Flexi- a rate of 15.5 per cent. The cent penalty fee in year one to ety received 600,000 registra-

HUNDREDS of millions of pounds are expected to be cost £20 million in lost tax up transferred into tax exempt until April 5 and then £200 15.33 per cent interest on its Under the scheme rules, and no penalties for early

Such has been the demand surprised by the response and financial institution to an- for application forms that the had to lay on extra resources other without losing the tax C&G is allowing investors to to deal with the demand for advantages. In some cases a open London Share accounts the new accounts. Announced penalty will be charged by the through branches for the next in the Budget, Tessas are bank or building society to two weeks. Usually, the actotally free of income tax so discourage such transfers. count, which was launched in long as the investor withdraws This can be a flat £50 for February 1989, is dealt with

Tessas were designed by an account. Most penalties are were originally invested with other societies. We have taken The majority of the new on a lot of extra staff to cope allow maximum flexibility for ers have even asked for the investors so that they do not application forms to be faxed feel their money is locked up to them. The society's Maxi Tessa operates in conjunction with the London Share and feeder account. The minimum



feeder account a 2 per cent is paid net of tax.

Tessa starts with a minimum bank has nearly reached this anyone who withdraws capinvestment of £100 and pays figure. It is also offering Tessa ital, invalidating the accounts 12 per cent. A Freefone investors who sign up before tax status. This is increased to information service is available on 0800 717505.

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The bank will charge a 2 per

£9.000 lump sum into a Tessa the feeder account. The latter a minimum of £25. The bank's helpline is on 0222 728716.

The Halifax Building Soci-

tions for its Tessas before it ety is paying a core interest

their tax exempt account to The society's savings plan another institution. The minipays 13.5 per cent on sums mum investment is £25 and from £25. there is no minimum for monthly subscriptions.

the interest is paid quarterly, compounds to an annual rate interest is being credited an-nually. In addition, a 1 per There is no penal savers who open an account terminal one is lost for early before the end of March.

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Mr Hutchinson said: "I early closure or transfer of the

Applicants for Save & Proswill receive 15.25 per cent, including a 1 per cent bonus for the first year, on the monthly without affecting the variable interest rate and 13 tax free status of the account. account. Both rates are com- has already received a lot of pounded with interest being post-dated cheques from paid monthly. The minimum investment is £500 and net interest can be paid quarterly subject to a minimum of £20.

Investors will be able to witch between fixed and varicertainty of a fixed rate out-charge or pay £20, weighs the initial higher rates Midland Bank is paying

Those who want to transfer Lindsey, banking director, ex-plained that this was because brokers and will have setting per cent above. Unlike most up costs for each account, financial institutions it will be more information is available available on New Year's Day on the Moneytine on 0800 on 0345 100 100.

even announced the interest rate of 14 per cent on its lump rate. The account pays up to sum Tessa plus a one per cent 13.5 per cent and the society bonus for the first year for expects a large percentage of those who have already signed those registered to convert up under the society's registrainto Tessa accounts next tion scheme and open an account before the end of The society is offering bo- February. A further 0.5 per nuses of up to £307 on the cent is being offered to cusaccount. It will charge no tomers who take up other penalty for early withdrawals Nationwide services and a but has a flat fee of £10 for loyalty bonus of 0.5 per cent of anyone who wants to transer the final balance will be paid.

John Hutchinson, retail operations director, said there National Westminster Bunk had been a great deal of is paying 14 per cent on its interest in Tessas but he did Tessa Reserve, which, because not expect them to be as popular as mainstream savings account because of the of 14.75 per cent. Most Tessa limitation to one Tessa per

There is no penalty for cent bonus will be paid on the cashing in or transfer and first year's contributions for none of the bonuses except the

ment and no penalty fees for think it is very important that people do not lose money. Much of it will be new business to us, although per's Tessa before January 14 Tessas are not going to generate new money."

Interest can be paid monthly without affecting the per cent on the fixed rate. The society reported that it people wanting to open

Abbey National is paying 13.8 per cent initially on its Tessa and guarantees that the rate will remain at least 5.5 per able rates on each account cent above the first tier of its anniversary. Those anticipating a fall of two to three per cent in bank base rates in the Customers must give 28 days first half of 1991 may feel the to transfer a Tessa without

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being offered on variable 13.5 per cent on sums from £10 and will charge no penalties, so long as 14 days notice money or close the account of transfer or closure is given, will pay a £50 penalty, lan Instant withdrawals will cost Instant withdrawals will cost 25p per £100. Firstdirect, Mid-land's telephone banking Save & Prosper is paying subsidiary, is paying 13 per commission of 1 per cent to cent below £1,000 and 13.5

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Credit card firms offer holiday discounts to users

AS ONE credit card issuer the travel agency. The disstarts to offer discounts on holidays, another is terminating its holiday club.

Save & Prosper is launching a holiday service with Page & Moy, Barclays' subsidiary, on January 1. TSB is closing its travel club from the end of this month. Until then, Trustcard holders receive discounts of 5 per cent (up to a maximum of £250) on holidays booked through AT Mays. However, TSB expects to announce a new scheme early next year (writes Lindsay Cook).

Save & Prosper Visa and Mastercard credit card customers, plus the premier, classic and high interest bank account customers, will be able to obtain a £1 discount for every £15 spent on holi-days booked through the travel agency. lan Lindsey, banking director, said this was the first of a range of benefits to be offered to banking and credit card customers in 1991, The company plans to add private healthcare member-

ship, a car recovery service and a card registration service. Barclays also offers money back through Page & Moy, up to a maximum of £500. Barc-laycard holders must pay at least the deposit and the holiday insurance with a Barclaycard. The discounts vary according to which travel company

the holiday is taken with. To receive the maximum discount, holidaymakers must book a holiday costing £7,500 or more.

Cardholders can also save than 100 tour operators, with the maximum discount available on travel costing more ricket prices booked through than £8,000.

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Midland Bank offers Visa and Access customers up to £500 off holidays booked through more than 100 tour and cruise operators, including Thomas Cook, Thomson, Intasun, Poundstretcher, P&O Cruises and Neilson.

Cardholders must book using the Midland Discount Holidays telephone line on 0733 896622. The maximum discount is available on holidays costing more

Girobank offers Visa customers an extra £1 holiday spending money for every £15 spent using its Travel Connection service. This includes many of the leading Association of British Tour Operators and there is no upper limit for the discount. To be eligible for the discount, cardholders should telephone the service on 061 480 8844 between 9am and 7pm on weekdays and up to 5pm on Saturdays.

People booking a car from Avis Car Hire through Girobank Travel Connection will receive an extra day free for every six consecutive days booked, plus spending money.

The Royal Bank of Scotland has a £500 maximum discount on bookings made on its Access card through its holi-

day service. Only the deposit on a holiday has to be paid through the card to qualify. The service offers holidays from more

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saving of £25 a month. The for transfers, but no penalty for full withdrawals. Investors who draw more than the net day between 8am and 10pm. A 24 hour service begins on

Society is paying 13 per cent customers will be given warn-on sums from £25 and 14 per ing of the consequences if they cent from £3,000. There is a 1 per cent bonus in the first year for those who open an account before the end of March. An per cent on its Tessa Gold additional bonus of 0.25 per account, which requires three cent will be added in years iwo, three, four and five on the anniversary of the account being opened. Withdrawals and transfers can be made offers 15 per cent, including a without penalty.

per cent on sums above £10 and a guaranteed differential above its gross ordinary share 14 per cent, including bonus, rate of 4 per cent. There is a and its regular savings Tessa transfer fee equivalent to 28 from £25 pays 12 per cent. All days' interest.

The National & Provincial Building Society is paying 13.5 per cent on its Tessa and offers per cent on its Tessa and offers The Britannia Building a monthly interest option Society is paying 15 per cent paying 12.73 per cent. There is and guaranteeing a differential a 0.5 per cent bonus in the first of 6 per cent above its gross year if a husband and wife ordinary share rate. No loyalty bonus of the same both open accounts at the withdrawals are permitted and of the five years. No interest same time. All investors will receive 0.5 per cent bonuses at count is subject to 90 days loss can be withdrawn without the end of years four and five. of interest.

interest and invalidate their Tessa will have the interest January 2.

The Woolwich Building rate. A spokesman said that

withdraw too much interest. months' notice to close the account otherwise 90 days' interest will be charged.

The Bradford & Bingley The Alliance & Leicester Building Society is paying 14.5

The per cent bonus for the first year for those who invest a £9,000 lump sum into a feeder account

Its lump sum account pays three accounts will pay a 1 per cent bonus at the end of the five years.

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withdraw interest. The Town & Country will pay up to 13.5 per cent interest plus a 1 per cent bonus at April 30. A further I per cent will be paid on April 30, 1992, and a giving notice.

contributions to those who invest the maximum of £9,000 over the term. The minimum investment is £1,000 and there

are no penalties.
The Chelsea Building Society is offering 13 per cent at the outset and a 5 per cent bonus on the first year's savings at the end of the five years. It allows no interest withdrawals and requires a notice period of three months for transfers or cashing in a Tessa. The mininum lump sum investment is £150 and £50 for monthly subscrip-

Bank of Scotland customers who registered before the end of July can earn 13.5 per cent during the first year. Those who apply for accounts by the end of February will receive 13 per cent and others will earn 12.5 per cent from the hank's Tressa

Gartmore Money Management, which is paying 13.65 per cent, found that 67 per cent of people surveyed were aware of the launch of Tessas. Its Tessa desk can be contacted on 071 236 9362. Tyndall is also paying 13.65 per cent and has a Tessa hotline on 0272 732241.

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rate is guaranteed until Easter. The North of England Building Society is paying 14 per cent interest on its Tessa. The Norwich & Peterborough first year's investment at

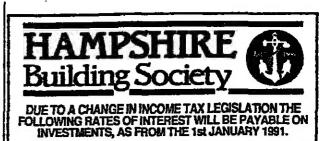
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paying 13 per cent plus a 6 per cent bonus on the first year's investment at the end of the five years for accounts opened before the end of March. The Cheshire Building Soci-

ety is paying 14.5 per cent and guarantees that its Tessa rate will match its mortgage rate during next year. After that it will be 0.5 per cent below the rate for £3,000 and above and 1 per cent below for smaller

Robin Bloor of Chase de Vere, the London financial advisers, said: "A great number of savers would be foolish not to take up a Tessa. They have money in a building society now and it is likely to be there in five years time. It is a relatively complex area and we have set up a Freefone line for anyone who calls the operator and asks for Chase

MoneyGuides are offering a Tessa guide free to subscribers during January. Because some Tessa providers are offering commission to intermediaries Building Society is paying up of up to 1.5 per cent, there is to 13 per cent and will give a likely to be strong support bonus of 10 per cent of the from them. One bank has been promised £20 million for its Tessa by a single broker. The Yorkshire Bank is pay- Hargreaves Lansdown, the ing 12.5 per cent and a loyalty Bristol brokers, will also offer a complete guide to Tessas



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Store vouchers 'easy to fake'

From Mr Kenneth W. Winfield

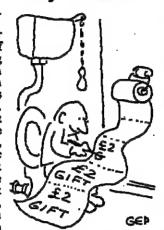
Sir. Your article (December 15) concerning the forgery of paper currency was interesting and highlights the precaution the Bank of England go to in order to make it as difficult as possible for the counterfeiters.

What a pity more effort does not appear to go into the production of "gift vouchers", frequently of high value. The amount of security in the vast majority of these effective pieces of currency is almost non-existent, most could be, and probably are, produced on small offset machines or John Bull outfits.

in most cases they are printed on very ordinary paper stock, and once again with no regard to security.

may believe they are doing Chipperfield, good business, the question is Hertfordshire.





- Did they issue them in the first place? Yours sincerely KENNETH W. WINFIELD.

Stores and supermarkets Oak Bluffs,

Pep charges put off small shareholders

From Mr Richard W. Evans flotations is also worrying. Sir. Mr R. A. Nicholls' most apposite comments on the idea is the most viable, by burdensome charges levied by allowing individuals to de-Pep managers (Letters, Dec- clare on their tax return ember 8) are clearly showing specific stocks or shares which the main cause of the low level of investment by small private Pep each year up to the shareholders and the dis- permitted level. They would appointment of the government that wider share ownership has not been achieved to any great extent. The recent statistic that an inordinately large percentage of new due back to them. years relates to a single holding in one of the privatised flotations is also worrying.



For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this (today's are on page 35).

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Simplification of the Pep not then declare any capital dividends received and the only extra paper work would be to submit the tax-credit voucher to receive the amount

A Treasury statement which I have been shown, pointing out the enormous amount of extra work which would be involved, is surely a gross exaggeration and civil service clap-trap, especially now that computerisation of the tax system is getting under way. Perhaps the new Chancello

should look again at the Pep system he has inherited. Yours faithfully. RICHARD W. EVANS.

The Squirrels, Harmer Dell, Harmer Green Lane, Welwyn, Herts. ..

Premium on prizes

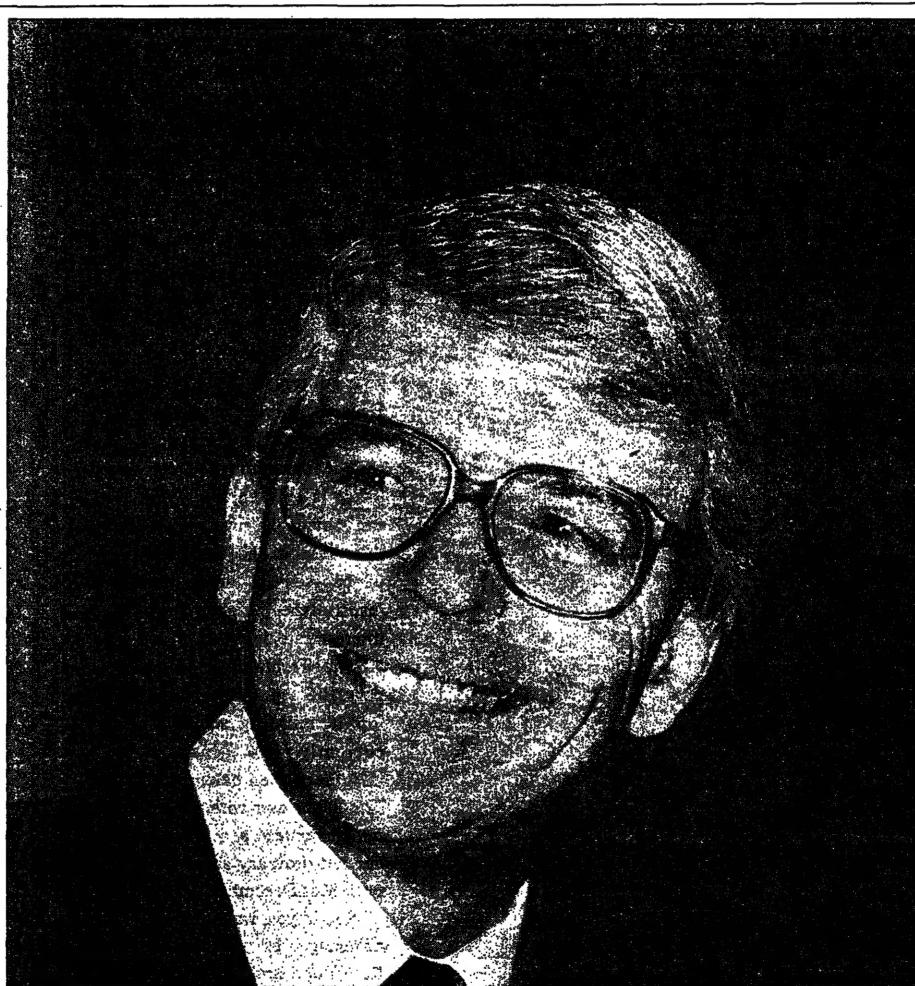
From Mr Denis L. Barber Sir, Premium bonds may only be bought in quantities of minimum £100, lesser sums presumably being insignificant. If this is the case, I shall be grateful if the prize fund can be increased, so that the value of the minimum prize can be raised from £50 to

Yours faithfully, DENIS L. BARBER, 32 The Fairway, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

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At current interest rates, those who put the maximum £3,000 investment into a Tessa on Wednesday will earn up to £185 more interest next year than those who remain invested in the comparable ordinary savings account

Investors may worry about locking their money away for five years. But they should look at the new accounts positively. If they are careful in their choice of Tessa, they can only gain. Many of the accounts are structured to allow investors to bale out in a cash emergency without loss other than the tax benefits.

Those in any doubt about



whether they will need the money before the Tessa matures should avoid accounts that penalise early withdrawal, or put all the

bonuses into the final year.
This means that those who have to cash in a Tessa early can earn as much interest as they would have done in a premium building society or bank account. Tessas will allow the withdrawal of net interest. In year one that could be about £350. Those savers able to leave the capital untouched for five years will have the benefit of tax free

It seems too good a deal to miss. Savers should beware of the more complicated accounts, as these are more difficult to compare with the rest of the market. While Tessas are taking



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

off, the personal equity plan started. Legal & General is industry is concerned that its advertising its new Gulf Option recently won tax concession on cash holdings may be lost. When composite rate tax is scrapped on April 6, cash holdings in Peps will become free of tax. When announcing this decision in October, the Inland Revenue made it clear that if there were abuses of this benefit it might be withdrawn. Now there are fears that for most Pep investors it might be lost before it has even

plan and declaring that it will defer payment of interest on cash holdings until April to avoid paying any tax. The option, launched at the beginning of the month, will remain in cash until the danger of hostilities in the Gulf is over or April, whichever is the sooner. When it begins to invest it will phase the money into the market over six months. into the market over six months. Legal & General says that its

action will not jeopardise other investors. It has consulted with the Revenue and been told that its concern was with individual investors remaining in cash, not fund managers. The spokesman added that the last of the money would be invested in October at the latest. This is ten months after the first money went into

His optimism does not reas-sure other Pep providers. Once again the greed of the few is seen as spoiling a generous system for

Stock rush

Practically the last piece of mail that Stock Group investors received before the Christmas

shutdown was a letter requiring

shutdown was a letter requiring them to reply by return of post.

The hapless investors have been waiting for news of their investments since early June, when British & Commonwealth collapsed. They were rightly angry. It was only as everything ground to a halt that Stock Group sent out the undated, unsigned sent out the undated, unsigned letter stating that it wanted to discharge its responsibility to clients as soon as possible.

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The investors were given a client response form to send back. They had to agree on the details of dividends, money from the sale of shares and interest that Stock said was held for them. They had struggled for months to discover the amount of money frozen in the British & Common-wealth Merchant Bank when others had already received compensation. Timing is everything in investment. Few companies get it as wrong so consistently as Stock Group.

☐ The Britannia Building society's standard one, cur-Society is cutting its mortgage rently 14.5 per cent. rate to 12.5 per cent for the BNP Mortgages, part of the initial six months for first-time buyers who take out its has reduced its mortgage rates Helpstart package. The pack- from 16 per cent to 14.625 per age involves taking out a cent. The rate is linked to the Britannia Life low-cost or full London interbank rate. ings insurance will be required has been published by the and a mortgage guarantee Norton Rose M5 Group, in policy may also be comtime for the post-Christmas

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Constructive Approach looks each year compared to one in at maintenance, tax, business six a decade ago, according to and other assets, trusts and statistics from the Association inheritances, pensions and in- of British Insurers. This has surance and is available from led to premium rises of up to Norton Rose M5, 12 The 20 per cent for all drivers,

Queensway, even those with good driving records. Preferred Assurance

The Lambeth Building Society will recredit returned electricty share offer cheques to customers accounts backdated to the date of withdrawal, ensuring no loss of

The School Fees Insurance Agency has announced a record £25 million investment

reserve guaranteed returns of 10.3 and 10.2 per cent on five special reserve last summer. It expects to make further guaranteed offers in the coming

Corrently anyone wanting to deposit a lump sum and defer drawing for five years would obtain a return of 8.6 per cent. The trust pays out more than £20 million of fees a year for more than 12,000

Halifax predicts spring recovery in house prices



A SIGNIFICANT recovery in abolish relief at higher rates of it expects that once the stocks and to the market. of unsold properties are cleared, prices will rise 5 per cent or

to 12.5 per cent.

the form of indexation of mortgage interest tax relief (MITR) to the retail prices index. Mr Gilchrist said: "Nine million people are benefiting from tax relief and someone needs to speak on their behalf. It would be helpful if we had a clear picture of what the govern-ment intends to do." He added: "It is one of the

few areas of tax relief to be eroded by inflation. Logically, a tax allowance to which the government is committed should be indexed."

The society said: "It is also unreasonable for the authorierode. Options are to reaffirm its support for MITR and index the ceiling, preferably to £65,000, to maintain its 1983 value in real terms. Alternatively, there should be a clear policy to reduce, elimi-nate or amend the relief." One option would be to to higher rate taxpayers.

the housing market in the tax and then gradually to spring is predicted by the Halifax Building Society in its is given below the basic rate of
annual review. The largest lentax. The Halifax advises that der said, however, that there such action should be gradual will not be a housing boom to avoid major disruptions to similar to that in 1985-88 and existing borrowers' incomes

The society said that companies gain relief against so by the end of next year corporation tax for virtually (writes Lindsay Cook).

David Gilchrist, group general manager, said that the available to everyone on allprediction assumes that bank their borrowings. From that base rates will fall 2 per cent to 12 per cent and mortgage rates loans for buying or improving

to 12.5 per cent. property.

The society is also keen for Although restored in 1972, when the £25,000 ceiling for mortgage tax relief was in-troduced.

At the time, the average mortgage was £6,500. The ceiling was raised to £30,000 in 1983. If it had been indexed to house prices since 1974 it would now be £140,000 and if linked to prices since 1983 it would be £65,000.

The society said that the failure to index the ceiling for the tax relief is gradually eliminating it in real terms. Britain is not unique in offering help with house purchase. The Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland give relief in full. ties to stress their support in In France, Germany, Austria principle for mortgage in- and Luxembourg relief is terest tax relief, while allowing available on a sliding scale. Its real benefit to steadily This increases for each dependent dent child in the household. In America, unlimited relief on borrowing on up to two properties is available.

With mortgage rates at 14.5 per cent, mortgage tax relief is typically worth £90 a month to basic rate taxpayers and £145

Popularity of unit trusts falls further

Cash trusts and the tax advantages of personal equity plans helped deflect attention best performances benefited only a few unitholders.

Figures from the Unit Trust Association show that by the beginning of December, unitholder accounts had fallen by 217,000 from the end-1989 total of 4.88 million — about 1.5 million individual investors. This was a much steeper drop than the 160,000 ac-

1987 crash. In the year to December, unit trusts averaged a 23.76 per cent loss. With one exception, the top 25 funds were either cash or gilt trusts and only the top nine achieved gains of more than 10 per cent. Four of those top nine funds put together have less than 1,000 unitholders.

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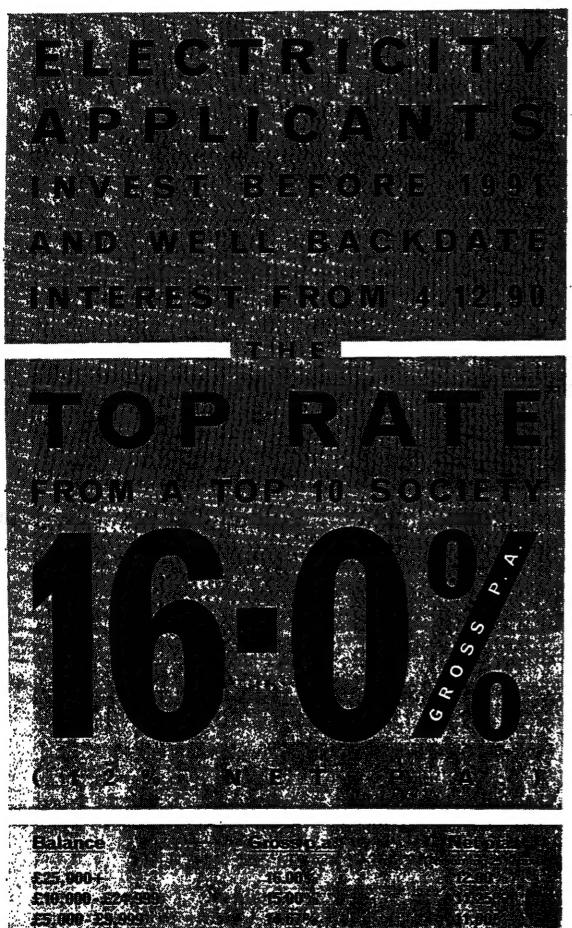
UNIT trusts moved close to ton gilt income has 120 holdbecoming a minority investers against the gilt growth ment taste this year.

Stewart Ivory's personal eq-uity plan, at just on £100,000, is the smallest unit trust to from generally dismal one to reach the top ten and the only three year results. Some of the fund manager, said the fund was invested 33 per cent in capital goods, 14 per cent in consumer goods, 25 per cent in other goods and 12 per cent in cash.

"As the fund is very small and tending to have a positive cash flow, it puts the manager on the front foot," he said.

Gilt fund managers appear counts lost in the year after the to relish the onset of a recession and regard possible war as a temporary setback. Mike Shaw of Framlington said: "Deep recession is very positive for bond markets." Ken Emery of Save & Prosper and Tim Miller of M&G both noted approvingly that Pep investors appeared far less concerned with shortterm performance than other

and 15 per cent over the year while M&G's total is £1: million for 75,000 holders.



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Archer takes second shot at retirement from Lloyd's agency

By NEIL BENNETT

ON MONDAY, Jimmy Archer, -BUSINESSchairman of the Lloyd's under-writing agency that carries his name, is writing his last risk and retiring, 52 years after joining the

Archer is more than just a Lloyd's underwriter. He is a walking almanac of more than a half century of the market's history, broken only by his army service in the second world war. He retired for the first time in 1978, but was asked back by Kenneth Grob, the former chair-man of Alexander Howden, the Lloyd's broker, to save an ailing syndicate. Now, aged 68, Archer has decided to retire again.

His career is a classic rags-to-riches tale. He was born in Barnsbury, then one of the poorest parts of north London, the youngest of seven brothers. "I don't think there was a tougher part of London. Our parents never stood a chance. When my father died, his estate was 15 guineas."

Both his parents had died by the time he was six, leaving his eldest brother, aged 20, to bring up the family. Archer was sent to an orphanage in Watford. "It was stark, tough and very Victorian. But it had very fine playing fields, Without sport it would have been very difficult to have survived

Archer left school at 16 after answering a newspaper advertis-ment for trainee insurance brokers. "It was the necessity of getting a job and I answered the first advert I saw." On January 1, 1939, he joined Walrond Scarman, a small broking firm run by Lord Scarman's father.

Archer was immediately sent to lace risks in the main market. But after six months, he caught the eye of Percy Cranmer, a marine underwriter he placed business with Cranmer offered to double Archer's salary to £2 a week if he oined his syndicate as an entry boy. Archer accepted, "I made a firm resolution never to change jobs unless I received at least a 100 per cent salary increase. Even out of a pound a week I still used to put half a crown into the Post Office savings bank."

Archer volunteered for the army in 1940. "My schooling had been so tough, the army seemed easy by comparison," He was stationed in Iraq and fought his way through north Africa. A grenade wound in Sicily led to convalescence and then a commission with the served in India and Burma and ended the war in Germany.

The army asked him to stay on as captain. "I mentally tossed a coin whether to return to Lloyd's or stay in the army. I loved the army, but I felt I owed a debt to my eldest brother who would have been very upset if I had stayed in."

During the war, one of Archer's brothers died in a prisoner of war camp in Silesia. Another died after the war from injuries he suffered as a fireman during the Blitz. Archer returned to the family home in north London in 1946 and lived there until he married the daughter of a local tinsmith a

Even today, Lloyd's is one of the most conservative parts of the City, but after the war it had

Jimmy Archer

changed little since the beginning of the century. The dress code was as strict as it was unwritten. "It was smarter than today. I used to wear a black jacket and striped trousers which was more or less

The market still opened with a skeleton staff on Saturday mornings, when underwriters and brokers could appear in tweed suits ready for a weekend in the country. One broker went too far and wore plus fours. He was swiftly debagged and the trousers thrown over the rostrum. "It just wasn't the done thing. He had tried to take the mickey out of the market and the market recipro-

The ways of business have changed and will change more rapidly

in the future. But Lloyd's can be a kind place, people are very courteous, and that has never changed'

cated. There is certainly more pressure in Lloyd's today. The business has become more complicated, mainly because of the oil business. Values are so huge. The ways of doing business have changed and will change more rapidly in the future. But Lloyd's can be a very kind place, people are very courteous, and that has never changed."

It took Archer 14 years of steady promotion to become joint underwriter with Percy Cranmer, and he replaced him as the main underwriter in 1962. "I realised that my capabilities in comparison with many were minute, and I had a long learning curve ahead of me. One was always striving to get to the top, but I was prepared to take my time and learn the job

During his time at Lloyd's, Archer remembers the Lutine Bell The bell is sounded for major disasters or celebrations, and is hardly ever heard today. Among the sea disasters he remembers is Harricane Betsy in 1965, and more recently Piper Alpha and Hurricane Hugo. "The claims from 1989 in aggregate were vast, which makes me feel very proud

that Lloyd's has survived."

Archer first decided to retire in 1978. "I felt I had achieved everything I wanted to. It was time to hand over to other people. I was perfectly happy in retirement." Archer has no pastimes. He remained a consultant to his old

firm and became chairman of a small broking house.

Then Grob offered him a job.
Grob and Archer had been close friends since the war. "He was a very good broker, very dynamic and really very charming. He was a broker with lots of good business and I wanted to write it.'

Alexander Howden then owned underwriting syndicate number 868. The syndicate needed a new "I turned Grob down twice and

each time the salary was doubled. In the end I said I would do it and signed a three year contract for £75,000 a year." At that time, in 1980, Archer was Howden's high-

est paid employee. In August 1982, Grob resigned from Howden after an audit revealed a shortfall of about \$25 million in the broker's assets. Three years later Grob and two associates were expelled from Lloyd's after a disciplinary hearing into several matters, including the purchase of a stake in the Ba du Rhône et de la Tamise, a Swiss bank. Last year Grob was acquitted of 16 charges of theft. Ian Posgate, Howden's former star underwriter, was also cleared of conspiracy to steal.

Posgate could be a kind man, but he was always a maverick. A little bit of entrepreneurial spirit in Lloyd's is probably good."

Archer's three year contract was about to expire when the scandal broke. Jack Bogardus, chairman of Alexander & Alexander, Howden's American parent, asked him to take over Possate's former syndicate. "It was a tremendous task. The risks were enormous since there had been a philosophy of piling them high and selling

Half the names, or Lloyd's investors, left the syndicate, forcing Archer to reduce risk exposure rapidly and introduce a full

Archer has a reputation as one of the most technically skilled underwriters in the Lloyd's mar-ket, and the rescue needed all his

One colleague said: "To my mind if there had been anyone else taking that syndicate over the names would have found themselves in Queer Street." Once the trouble was over, Archer renamed the syndicate 741 and has continued underwriting there ever since. But the consequences of the Alexander Howden affair were far

from complete for Archer. In 1985, be led a management buyout of Howden's underwriting managing agency, since the 1982 Lloyd's Act ordered brokers to

The negotiations took him to Alexander & Alexander's headquarters in New York.

"I had to be tough with Jack garden. He wanted £18 million, so I said he was speaking to the wrong people. I told him we were prepared to pay £12 million and he agreed in a very short time. In retrospect, the business was worth

The business, renamed AJ Archer (his first name is Albert) was floated in 1988. After his retirement, Archer will remain life

Archer, known as Fred through out Lloyd's after the famous jockey, has kept up a working day that would finish many younger men. He drives from his flat in



Walking almanac: Jimmy Archer retires from Lloyd's of London on Monday after 52 years in the insurance industry

each morning. By mid-morning he arrives at his box in Lloyd's and gets down to his main love underwriting. After the market closes at 5.30 pm, he often returns

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unfinished business. It is significant that Archer's job is to be divided into three when he retires, with Richard Maylam becoming company chairman and two underwriters being appointed to his syndicates.

to the company offices to clear up

He cuts an austere figure in the market, and even some of his fellow directors deferentially call

Docklands in his Renault 5 to the him Mr Archer. "He's a bit of a AJ Archer office at seven o'clock loner, even a bit shy," says one

"There he is, a multi-millionaire and no-one would guess it. People are quite frightened of him, especially brokers. But that might not be a bad thing. You have got to frighten brokers now and then." If a broker dares to approach Archer without the proper paperwork or information he suffers the consequences.

Archer's two syndicates, 741 and 868, are large and highly

On his retirement, Archer is worried about Lloyd's future. "I think it is at crisis point since it for the new Lloyd's building. "It is has the unsolved problem of

"These are a cancer to the possible regeneration of Lloyd's membership. At least under Murray Lawrence's chairmanship there has been a serious attempt to solve this problem."

Underwriting years are left open in Lloyd's after a syndicate has suffered losses so heavy they cannot be quantified, and threaten members with years of losses. Lloyd's members can even die and their estate cannot be distributed if they are exposed to an open year. Archer reserves a sharp word

like working in a provincial multistorey car-park."

He also treats the market's growing automation with suspicion, since he believes there is no substitute for staring a broker in the eye before deciding whether to underwrite his risk.

Now, 12 years after his first attempt at retirement, Archer is leaving again. "I have seen people stay too long." He plans to tour the world, revisiting the places he saw in the army, and Silesia where his brother died. But, as president of AJ Archer, he will still keep his eye on the market.

Recession depletes debs

FEWER débutantes will be coming out in New York this season as even the wealthy are finding themselves exposed to the reces-

According to one estimate, to introduce one's daughter into Manhattan society can cost \$10,000 once dresses, cars, wine, raffles and presentation fees of between \$1,200 and \$2,000 are paid.

Few of the Park Avenue powerful are prepared to discuss finances, but only 30 debs will be presented at one party this year against 56 a year ago and 75 in the roaring Eighties. Texans, however, always field a strong team.

Many of the wealthiest families are about to feel the pinch of a new luxury item tax from January 1, which will give Uncle Sam 10 per cent of the retail price of items costing above certain thresholds: \$30,000 for private cars; \$100,000 for boats and yachts; \$10,000 for furs, jewellery and watches and \$250,000 for private planes.

The US Treasury estimates the rich will pay an additional \$25 million next year and \$1.5 billion over the next five years. The tax is politically popular, seen as a way to extract money from the rich to help close the trade gap. Upmarket retailers of jewellery and luxury cars have reported a certain amount of rush to beat the budget, but not quite at levels that make an impact on the budget deficit, which has been in the three figure billions for a few years.

Shawn Sullivan, vice president of Van Cleef & Arpels, the jewellers on Fifth Avenue, said the tax was a statement by politicians who wanted to show the middle



PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK



Luxury tax: furs in firing line

were going after the wealthy. "In reality," he said, "it is a punitive tax against the jewellery industry, not against the rich. To remain competitive, we will have to absorb much of the cost."

That cost would work out at \$2,000 on a \$50,000 car, \$5,000 on a \$150,000 boat and \$5,000 on a \$60,000 diamond necklace. Gerald Portney, a former IRS lawyer and now a principal at KMPG Peat Marwick, accountants, believes the government faces a list of nearly insurmountable probrevenue generated will fall far short of official projections.

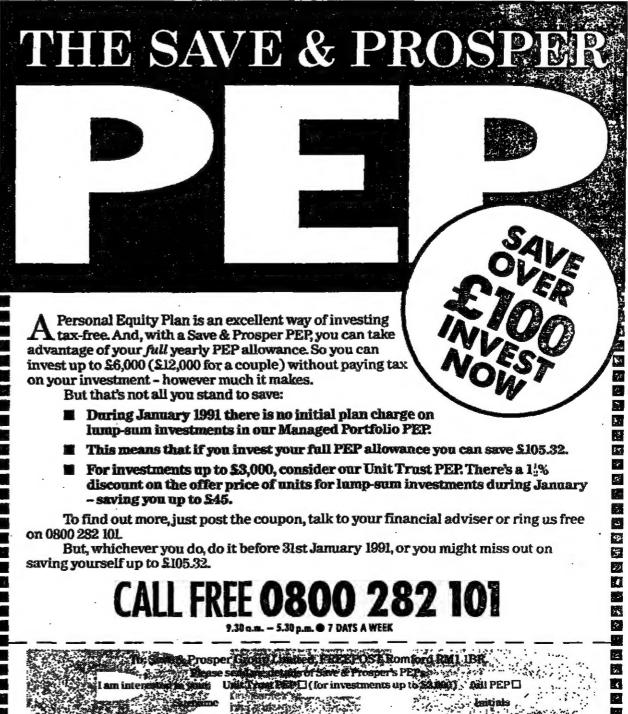
Since 1981, the gap between the income and the rest has climbed as sharply as the fledgling Polly Peck share price. Only one in five American families at the top of the income scale have prospered in recent years.

from \$73,764 in 1981 to \$92,663 last year, largely bolstered by the Wall Street boom. Income of the second highest to lowest fifth has remained largely unchanged since 1973. Real income is falling again. Weekly wages of the middle earners is down from a 1988 peak of \$537 to just over \$500 in

Economists say that it is unlikely to improve. The wages of millions of families buy less now than they did in 1973. Figures from Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette, the stockbrokers, show the to sag. Only 600,000 new house holds were formed to March this year, the lowest for six years, by er marriages and more young men living at home.

The trend is worrying. For America to pick itself out of what could become a steep slump, economists say more dramatic remedies are needed than tinkering with interest rates. To them. snaking the rich has never proved a remedy for vastly increased

Paying 10 per cent more for diamonds is less important economically than having millions of consumers feeling prosperous enough to flock to



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SUMMARY

Flood of Tessas expected

AN AVALANCHE of applications for tax exempt special savings accounts is expected next week when the accounts get under way officially.

The number of registrations and the demand for application forms have surprised savings institutions offering the investments, announced in the Budget.

Helplines are being manned round the clock and extra staff are being drafted in to open the accounts. Every leading bank and building society has announced its interest rates for the accounts. Details of the terms and conditions of the accounts Pages 36 and 37

Archer's outlook



At the end of a long and illustrious career at Lloyd's of London, Jimmy Archer talks to Neil Bennett about his life and the industry Page 39

Tax relief

Mortgage tax relief should be linked to the retail price index, the Halifax Building Society says in its annual housing market review. The ceiling would have to be more than doubled to £65,000 to bring it to the 1983 level, the largest

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Charges on personal equity plans are the cause of the low take-up for the tax free plans, according to one reader. Also of concern is the ease with which youchers can be forced. and a reader makes a plea for larger minimum prizes with premium bonds Page 37

Unitholders

The number of unit trust accounts fell by 217,000 in the year to the beginning of December. The decline is worse than the year after the stock market crash Page 38

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Nikkei sags

Japanese stocks fell nearly 40 per cent in 1990, finishing the year with a drop of 91.99 points on the Nikkei index at 23.848.71 Page 32

Trouble in store

Many shops had their worst year for a decade, but next year is likely to be even grimmer. according to Goldman ... Page 32

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Best share performance

The shares recommended this time last year by The Sunday Times Business team

performed better than

those of any other national newspaper. Tomorrow the top stock-tipping team names the shares it hopes will outdo the

others in 1991

Tappin, a private client services partner at BDO Binder Hamlyn. "She mentioned that she had been given pleasure when some-

one had brought the cello round

some regular outgoings and 1991

could be all the more prosperous. Sara McConnell provides guidance

A NEW year's resolution to use all capital gains tax and income tax exemptions and to invest as much as possible in pensions and other schemes with tax relief, could retrieve a lot of cash.

Successive governments have encouraged people to save for their old age through pensions or to invest more in British industry or in new businesses. The latest initiative is the tax exempt special savings scheme (Tessa), to be launched next week. Savers who deposit £9,000 over five years in a Tessa will have tax free interest.

Other tax free investments, such as National Savings Certificates and capital bonds, business expan-sion schemes and pensions, re-quire investors to commit money for varying lengths of time or pay tax penalties on interest or growth.

The first £5,000 of any capital pain is free from tax and this year husbands and wives each have had a £5,000 CGT exemption and independent personal income tax llowances. This guide is intended to help people get the best from the

Buying homes

Successive governments have given borrowers relief at their highest rate of tax on mortgage interest. This is paid on the first £30,000 of the mortgage on their main home. Operated under the mortgage interest relief at source scheme, it is predicted to end and might initially be restricted to basic rate tax only.

Most homeowners pay no capital gains tax when they sell their home and make a profit as long as the house is their principal private residence. Those with two houses can choose one to be their principal home. If neither is chosen, the taxman will decide.

If the house is let, owners may be liable for capital gains tax. If the owners live abroad and allow members of their family to live in the house rent free, they lose their CGT exemption. Living abroad does not generally disqualify owners from a CGT exemption.

Savings certificates

Fixed interest and index linked National Savings Certificates are free of income tax and the return is guaranteed. The 35th issue National Savings Certificate went on sale in June and cash invested over five years will earn 9.5 per cent a year tax free. Savers can only pay a maximum of £1,000 the scheme but can transfer £10,000 from matured certificates from previous issues. Index linked certificates pay the rate of infla-tion plus 4.5 per cent tax free over five years. The first £70 of annual interest on Ordinary Savings Accounts at Post Offices is tax free, with 5 per cent interest on balances above £500 held for a calendar year.

Friendly societies

A monthly investment of £13.50 or £150 a year for ten years in a friendly society is an easy way to save. Friendly society policies are savings contracts with an element of life assurance and proceeds are tax free. The contracts are usually unit linked and the value of investments can fall.

Tessas

All adults can have a Tessa but couples cannot have joint accounts. A £9,000 investment over five years will initially earn 12per cent tax free. Up to £3,000 can be invested in year one £1,800 in each of the next three years and £600 in the final year. Tax is paid on interest if capital is taken out before the five years.

Personal equity plans The maximum amount anyone can put into a 1990/1991 Pep is

SELLERS of art works or heir-

looms that fetch more than £6,000

may have to pay capital gains tax

on the whole difference between

the value when acquired and the

One woman not aware of this

when she sold a Rogeri cello at

auction for £60,000 in 1982, had a

£7.400 tax bill, interest of almost

£1.000, plus a £750 penalty billed

to her when the Inland Revenue

owned and played the cello for 50

years and it had been in her family

since the late nineteenth century.

She was not aware she should have

paid capital gains tax on the cello

until she mentioned it to Andrew

The woman, now dead, had

sale value, less indexation.

found out three years later.

Art for Inland Revenue's sake "When I learnt about the sale I had to tell the Revenue. She had been advised on the sale by a solicitor but he missed the point

that she would have to pay CGT." The tax authorities said the woman should have read the small print about capital gains tax, but later reduced the penalty to £2.09. There was a partial tax exemption because the woman had owned the cello prior to 1965.

Another of Mr Tappin's clients is disputing a tax bill for the sale of a work of art. Capital gains tax is limited to the increase in market value since 1982 and the Inland Revenue's independent art expert valued the work at £4,000 in 1982. It sold during the 1989-90 tax year for £11,000.

The owner will not receive a £6.000 exemption because the work is too valuable and in valuable works of art have an addition to paving tax she had to annual £5,000 exemption al-



Revenue's valuation, Indexation will reduce the bill and sellers of

Resolve to cut capital gains and income tax

Begin the new year by learning how

to save tax on investments and

£6,000. Up to £3,000 of this can be invested in unit trusts or investment trusts. These must hold 50 per cent of their investments in UK equities. A further £3,000 can be invested directly in UK eq-uities. All income and dividends are tax free but there are manage ment and annual charges and

value added tax to pay. Pep plans run every fiscal year and investors are not allowed to move existing shares into a Pep, except for new issues, which can be transferred within 42 days of allowation.

Share schemes

Employee share schemes were designed to urge wider share ownership and encourage loyalty to a company by giving employees a stake in it.

proved profit sharing scheme are tax free if transferred to employees five years after they have been allocated. The value of the shares allocated should not exceed £2,000 or 10 per cent of the employee's earnings up to £6,000, whichever is the higher.

Endowments

Endowment policies have become the most popular method of repaying a mortgage, because the lump sum at the end of the term is tax free and could give borrowers a windfall as well as paying off their mortgage. Policyholders must pay premiums on a 25-year endowment for ten years and on a ten-year endowment for seven and a half years to qualify for the tax free lump sum. Higher rate taxpayers who surrender a policy early by auctioning it off, have to pay 15 per cent income tax on any

Pensions There is tax relief on pension contributions and part of the pension can be taken as a tax free lump sum. People not in company pension schemes qualify for tax relief by putting up to 17.5 per cent of net relevant earnings (income and the value of benefits, such as health insurance and company cars) into a pension scheme. If aged over 35, they can put 20 per cent into a scheme while for those aged over 55, the proportion rises to 35 per cent.

Pension scheme contributions receive tax relief at the highest marginal rate up to £64,800. The percentage of earnings that can be put into a pension and still be eligible for tax relief increases with age to give people a chance to put more into a pension before they retire. Additional voluntary contributions can also build up a pension in the years before

retirement People in company pension schemes can make additional voluntary contributions up to 15 per cent, including any personal contributions that they may be required to make by their employer. Employees can, by arrangement with their employer, sacrifice part of their salary, which the employer pays into the pension scheme on their behalf. These additional contributions can only be taken as pension, not as a tax free lump sum.

Personal pension rules allow 25 per cent of the value of the fund produced by non-protected rights (not guaranteed) to be taken as a tax free lump sum.

Business schemes These schemes aim to attract

higher rate taxpayers to invest in start up businesses, homes for rent and commercial property. Investors can set their investment (maximum £40,000) against tax at the highest rate.

From April, both a husband and wife have had a £40,000 allowance. If they hold the shares for these are usually exempt from capital gains tax.

Sitting pretty: additional voluntary contributions not only saved Eddie Cotter tax but also improved his pension

five years, profits are free of all tax. Investors can buy a share in Maintenance pay commercial property in a govern-Maintenance payments are tax ment-designated enterprise zone through a trust. The investment is divided into units to give smaller investors a way in and costs of building can be set against income

from the development.

received bad publicity when it was

disclosed that various media personalities had bought wood-

land to reduce their tax bills, in

environmentally-damaging. Com-

panies that manage forestry

investments for clients say Britain

has to import 88 per cent of its

timber so tax breaks are

neccessary to encourage invest-

curred by disposing of business

assets can be postponed by

ploughing them into forestry.

There is no CGT or income tax

due on the profits made from

timber. There are also government

umused in one year can be used the

A bride and groom can give each other up to £2,500, while they can receive £5,000 from either set

of parents, £2,500 from grandpar-

ents and £1,000 from anyone else.

Gifts to political parties and

charities are tax free as are the

proceeds of life policies written in

trust. By making a potentially exempt transfer, if the donor lives

for seven years after making a gift,

Items that sell for £6,000 or less

are tax free and there is reduced

tax to pay on antiques that fetch

slightly more than this. Capital

gains tax can be avoided by

donating the asset to a charity or

museum or for public benefit if it

is of artistic or national im-

portance. Race horses or yachts

are considered wasting assets as

they have a useful life of less than

50 years. Profits made on sales of

it is free of inheritance tax.

Antiques

Capital gains tax liabilities in-

ment in Britain's forests.

Inheritance tax

Forestry

free for the recipient but not for the donor. The person paying maintenance can deduct either the amount paid or £1,720 a year, the separated couples' allowance, from income to be assessed for tax. Those paying maintenance under a court order or applica-tions for maintenance made be-Tax exemptions for tree planting fore March 15, 1988, can obtain tax relief at their highest rate on areas where it was said to be

Gambling

Pools winnings are free of tax. The first pools millionairess was a woman from Bexley who won £1,032,088 in 1987, but pools dividends in four figures are not uncommon.

Casinos and other types of gambling are also free of tax but winnings on bets on horses have tax deducted at 10 per cent. The winner can elect to have the tax deducted from the stake or

Premium bonds

grants on a sliding scale, which pay for planting or regeneration. Premium hand prizes ranging from £50 to £250,000 are free of tax. The minimum stake for adults is £100, which buys 100 chances in The first £128,000 of any estate, each draw. The minimum investwhich includes stocks, shares, property, jewellery and cars, is free ment for premium bonds bought for a child aged under 16 is £10. from inheritance tax. There is no tax on transfers between husband Bonds do not make money unless and wife and everyone can give they win a prize. away up to £3,000 a year tax free. Any part of this allowance that is

Extra contributions top up the pension

pension is inadequate could consider additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) and paying salary bonuses into a pension plan.

Tax relief on additional pension contributions at the highest marginal tax rate made AVCs an attractive option for Eddie Cotter. who retired in April 1987 as company secretary of KFS Group, which is based in Alder-

shot, Hampshire, When WI Carr, the independent Group's employee pension provisions in 1978, it decided they were inadequate. The company had paid £500 a year to an Allied Dunbar pension scheme since 1975 and the same to a Save & Prosper scheme. Employees did not contribute to the scheme. However, the Save & Prosper scheme would have produced for Mr Cotter a pension of only £2,070 a year, with an additional £1,000 a year from the Allied Dunbar scheme after he had taken a tax free lump sum of £20,500 from the final Allied Dunbar sum

of £33,000. Mike Otway, managing director of WI Carr, suggested Mr Cotter make an AVC to the Save &

PEOPLE who realise that their bonus into his pension. Mr Cotter said: "I could cope with a 15 per cent contribution. The whole ob-

ject was to save tax." Higher tax rates, averaging a basic rate of 32 per cent over the eight years he contributed, meant he gave up just under £1,000 take home pay to have £1,500 invested into his tax free pension fund. He also gave up £1,400 of his bonus to have £2,000 invested.

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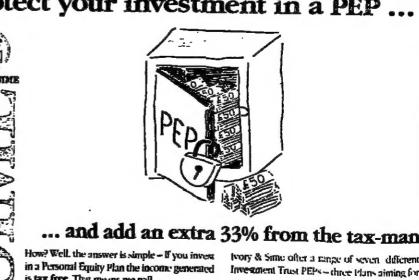
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When Mr Cotter retired, baving made his final contributions to the financial adviser, reviewed KFS Save & Prosper scheme in 1986, KFS had paid £12,000 into the scheme, £12,500 came from bonus sacrifice and £12,000 from AVC payments, making the final value of the fund £65,483. This produced a pension of £6,221 a year in the first year with a guaranteed rise of 5 per cent compounded each year for the rest of his life. Two-thirds of the total pension came from bonus contributions and AVCs, a total of £3,500 a year gross. The 14.5 per cent annual return meant £43,600 of the final fund value came from bonus and AVCs.

"Had Mr Cotter taken this money as pay he would only have received approximately £2,450 a year. Even assuming that he hadachieved the same rate of return as the pension fund in another form of investment, his return would have been taxed," said Mr Otway,

Prosper scheme of 15 per cent of his earnings, or £1.500 a year. He also said Mr Cotter could ask the Tessas flood Pages 36 and 37 company to pay his £2,000 a year Protect your investment in a PEP ...



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